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WILMINGTON, MASS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR, ENDING DECEMBER 31

1925

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ELECTED AND APPOINTED

TOWN OFFICERS, 1925

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

FRANK W. DAYTON, Chairman
ARTHUR W. GIROUX CHARLES F. PERRY

Assessors

ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE	Term expires 1927
J. HOWARD EAMES	Term expires 1928
JAMES E. KELLEY	Term expires 1926

Town Clerk

JAMES E. KELLEY

Treasurer

FRANK L. EAMES

Collector of Taxes

GEORGE W. BUCK

Town Accountant

HARRY R. DEMING

Constable

WALTER A. HILL

Police Department

WALTER A. HILL, Chief

Special Police

ELMER W. EATON
ALBERT J. SPAULDING
WALTER J. HARRISON
WALTER F. ELLSWORTH
ALEXANDER BRABANT
GEORGE S. FOOTE
EDWARD HARRIS
EDWARD S. LEWIS
ROBB W. HAUCK
CHARLES D. REILLY
CHARLES W. MILLER
HARRY G. PIERSON
ALBERT A. HAYWARD

Keeper of Lock-up

WALTER A. HILL

Board of Survey

SELECTMEN

Registrars of Voters

MAURICE P. GALLAGHER	Term expires 1928
HARRY P. JONES	Term expires 1926
ALDICE G. EAMES	Term expires 1927

JAMES E. KELLEY, Clerk of Board

Fence Viewers

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Field Drivers

WILLIAM J. RODDEN
EDWARD W. TAYLOR
CHARLES D. REILLY

Pound Keeper

CHARLES D. REILLY

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

HERBERT C. BARROWS — EDWARD N. EAMES
SCHAMIEL R. McINTOSH — ARTHUR W. EAMES
WALTER L. HALE — THOMAS T. SIDELINKER
HARRY R. DEMING — ARNOLD D. CARTER
WILLIAM T. LEWIS

Measurers of Leather

J. ARTHUR TAYLOR — ARTHUR F. BLAKE
HARRY R. DEMING — REGINALD J. FROTTON

Public Weighers of Merchandise

ARTHUR F. BLAKE — ALFRED S. BLACKBURN
FRED W. CARTER — HARRY R. DEMING
AUSTIN C. TAYLOR — JOHN A. HOWE
J. ARTHUR TAYLOR — WALTER L. HALE

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERNEST R. CURRIER

Janitor of Town Hall

OLIVER A. McGRANE

Superintendent of Streets

GEORGE S. FOOTE

Board of Health

SELECTMEN — DR. DANIEL T. BUZZELL, Agent

Inspector of Animals

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Inspectors of Meats and Provisions

ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE GEORGE L. FLINT

Chief of Fire Department

EDWIN L. DAY

Forest Fire Warden

EDWIN L. DAY

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

OLIVER A. McGRANE OTIS A. ELLIS
WINFRED W. RICE GEORGE S. FOOTE

Cemetery Committee

SELECTMEN GEORGE F. NEWCOMB, Superintendent

Common Committee

CALEB S. HARRIMAN	Term expires 1928
EDWARD N. EAMES	Term expires 1926
CHARLES F. PERRY	Term expires 1927

School Committee

PETER NEILSON	Term expires 1928
ALFRED S. ALLEN	Term expires 1928
HELEN H. BUCK	Term expires 1926
OLIVIA H. NORCROSS	Term expires 1926
JOHN W. HATHAWAY	Term expires 1927
HARRY W. DeLORIEA	Term expires 1927

Inspector of Buildings

EDWARD J. CROTEAU

Board of Appeal

HARRY R. DEMING ARTHUR W. EAMES
LOUIS T. McMAHON

Undertakers

EDWARD M. NICHOLS JOSEPH B. McMAHON

Burial Agent

JOHN H. SIMPSON

Trustees of Public Library

EDWARD N. EAMES	Term expires 1928
PETER NEILSON	Term expires 1928
CHARLES C. ALDEN	Term expires 1926
CALEB S. HARRIMAN	Term expires 1926
DANIEL T. BUZZELL	Term expires 1927
HELEN H. BUCK	Term expires 1927

Trustees of Trust Funds

CALEB S. HARRIMAN	Term expires 1928
EDWARD N. EAMES	Term expires 1926
PHILIP B. BUZZELL	Term expires 1927

Tree Warden

OLIVER A. McGRANE

Superintendent for Suppressing Moths

OLIVER A. McGRANE

Sarah D. J. Carter Lecture Fund Committee

ARTHUR F. BLAKE	Term expires 1926
MILDRED E. NEILSON	Term expires 1927
JOHN W. HATHAWAY	Term expires 1928
GERALD F. FRAZEE	Term expires 1929
ARTHUR W. GIROUX	Term expires 1930

Finance Committee

CALEB S. HARRIMAN	Term expires 1928
FRANK M. TIFFANY	Term expires 1928
THOMAS C. DALY	Term expires 1928
OSCAR A. LUNDGREN	Term expires 1926
LOUIS T. DOUCETTE	Term expires 1926
GEORGE H. VOTER	Term expires 1926
WALDO L. DEAN	Term expires 1927
LOUIS T. McMAHON	Term expires 1927
HERBERT C. BARROWS	Term expires 1927

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

JOHN E. DENEHEY	HAROLD SWAIN
EBER P. MELZAR	EUGENE G. SHAW
JOHN F. MUSE	JOSEPH H. SURRETTE
HENRY A. McMAHON	JOHN W. SIMPSON
MARGARET W. DeLORIEA	MARY L. CAIL
ELEANOR M. LIVINGSTON	ROSE T. CAVANAUGH

Moderator

EDWARD N. EAMES

JURY LIST, TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Revised by Board of Selectmen, July 20, 1925

Name	Occupation	Street
Charles H. Black	Clerk	Church
Charles V. Blaisdell	Teamster	Parker
Roger S. Buck	Machinist	Woburn
Joseph A. Caron	Station agent	Burlington
Donald K. Colgate	Painter	Church
Joseph A. Cotton	Real estate	off Thurston
Irvin Eames	Retired	Woburn
M. Herbert Foskett	Printer	Ballardvale
Maurice P. Gallagher	Currier	Middlesex
Charles F. Goodson	Plumber	Woburn
Walter J. Harrison	Baggage man	Andover
Chester T. Horton	Carpenter	Swain
Charles A. Livingston	Grocer	Burlington
Frank H. Lyon	Shipper	off Clark
George C. McKittrick	Crossing man	Eames
Louis T. McMahon	Superintendent	Middlesex
John H. Muse	Laborer	Cottage
Louis A. Nichols	Clerk	Middlesex
Daniel C. Norcross	Machinist	Shawsheen
Jerome J. O'Leary	Pensioner	Swain
Charles F. Perry	Janitor	Church
Leon A. Rhine	Laundryman	Woburn
Wilbur A. Sheldon	Clerk	Clark
Arthur L. Williams	Tower man	Wil. Junction
John H. Woodman	Clerk	Federal garden
Fred U. Wyman	Clerk	Church

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Records of Warrants and Proceedings of Town Meetings,
Births, Marriages and Deaths, with a Statement
of Money Paid to the County Treasurer
on account of Dog Licenses

TOWN WARRANT

To Walter A. Hill, Constable of the Town of Wilmington:
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of said Town, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall on Monday, the second day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at 9.45 a.m. and shall be closed at 8 p.m. for the election of Town Officers.

Article 1. To bring in your votes on one ballot for three Selectmen, who shall also act as Overseers of the Poor and Board of Survey; one Assessor for two years; one Assessor for three years; Town Clerk; Treasurer; Collector of Taxes; Constable; Three Fence Viewers; Two members of the School Committee for three years; Two trustees of the Public Library for three years; One trustee of Trust Funds for three years; One member of the S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee for five years; Tree Warden; Moderator; also to vote on the following question, to wit: "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this Town?" Yes or No.

You are also hereby further required and directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, who are qualified to vote on elections and Town affairs, therein to assemble subsequently, and meet in Town Meeting at the Grange Hall, Wildwood Street, in

said Town of Wilmington, on Monday, the ninth (9) day of March, A.D. 1925, at eight (8) o'clock p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 2. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following items:

General Government
Protection of Life and Property
Tree Warden
Forest Fires
Health and Sanitation
Street Department
Support of Poor
Dependent Widows
Soldiers' Relief
Interest
Public Library
Cemetery
Notes Payable
Street Lights
Printing
Care of Town Clock
Finance Committee
Reserve Fund
School Department

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue of the present financial year.

Art. 6. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day, and to determine how the same will be expended.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five ($75) dollars for the upkeep of Regan Park, Rogers Park and Thomas Nee Park, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand ($1,000) dollars for Public Health Work, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ($200) dollars or some other amount, and elect a Director, the money to be expended by and the director to serve in co-operation with the Middlesex County Trustees for county aid to Agriculture in the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45, Chapter 128, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee of three to make recommendations for a suitable Memorial to those who served in the World War of 1917, and report at the next annual Town Meeting. To set aside the sum of one thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-three cents ($1,475.83) returned by the State from Poll Taxes, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) or any other amount for the erection of a School Building in the Silver Lake District; also determine how this amount shall be raised or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) or any other amount for the purchase of land for School purposes and determine how the amount shall be raised, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to exercise the right of Eminent Domain if necessary in securing land for School purposes.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) to complete that portion of the sidewalk under construction on Main Street between Lake Street and Clark Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to widening Forest Street from Burlington Avenue and Forest Street to Randolph Road, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money necessary for the widening of Forest Street from Burlington Avenue, and Forest Street to Randolph Road, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept additions to its By-Laws in relation to laying out and acceptance of new streets in the Town of Wilmington as recommended by the Finance Committee in the Warrant at the Annual March Meeting, 1924 (under Article 28), and referred to a future Town Meeting, or what they will do in relation to the same.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2, Section 5, of the Town By-Laws, relating to the Commissioners of Trust Funds, by eliminating Section 5 and substituting therefor the following:

A—"All funds left to the Town in trust for various purposes shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer. He shall give a receipt to the depositor for any sum so received. The Treasurer shall then notify the Commissioners of Trust Funds of the receipt of such funds, and hand to them the deed of trust. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of such trust funds, and shall invest and reinvest them,

and expend therefrom money as directed by the Commissioners. The Treasurer shall furnish a separate bond satisfactory to them for the faithful performance of his duties.

B—"Said Trustees of Trust Funds shall report, in print, at every annual Town Meeting the names of all persons whose deposits they have received from the Treasurer, the income to, and the outlay made on the respective lots for the year then expired, and the balance then standing to the credit of the same, and shall also state the standing of all other funds that may have been placed in their charge."

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to instruct and authorize the School Committee to hold a Fire Drill in all the schools once a week during the school term.

Art. 20. To see how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Vocational Training and continuance of School expenses, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see what action the Town will take in regard to fixing the compensation of the School Committee.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty-six cents ($5,152.56), the same being deficiency in revenue for the year 1924, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars ($2,595), account of Civilian War Poll Taxes of 1923, now standing on the Town books, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred fourteen dollars and twenty-three cents ($1,114.23), the same being unpaid bills of the School Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred ninety-three dollars and five cents ($393.05), the same being unpaid bills of the Highway Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents ($3,898.37), the same being overdrafts for the year 1924.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to set aside a part of the Town Farm property, the same to be used for Town Forest purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a Power Loader for the Highway Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) for the purpose of laying out and opening up a new section of the cemetery, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) under Chapter 90, Section 34, of the General Laws, to be ex-

pended under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, or do anything in relation thereto. "Salem Street."

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract to extend the lights from the B. & M. bridge on Eames Street to the Junction of Eames and Main Streets, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract for electric lights to be installed on Columbia Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract for Electric Lights to be installed on Park Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract for one Electric Light to be installed on Concord Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of said Town this sixteenth day of February, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

FRANK W. DAYTON,
CHARLES F. PERRY,
CARL S. PETTENGILL,
Selectmen of Wilmington.

TOWN MEETING

Record of Proceedings of Annual Town Meeting Held March 2, 1925

In accordance with the directions of the foregoing Warrant, the voters assembled on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, and Article 1 and as far as Article 2 of the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk; the Moderator then examined the ballot box which was found empty, the register indicated 0000, the box was locked and the key delivered to the Constable.

The Ballot Clerks and Tellers having been sworn, the official ballots were delivered to the Ballot Clerks, a receipt for the same being taken by the Town Clerk.

The Moderator announced that the polls for the election of officers were open and that balloting might proceed.

At the appointed time stated in the Warrant the Moderator declared the Polls closed. The names checked upon the lists numbered seven hundred and fifty-six (756) and the ballots as counted from the ballot box numbered seven hundred and fifty-six (756) and the register indicated seven hundred and fifty-six (756). The following is the vote for Town Officers as declared by the Moderator.

Selectmen (To act as Overseers of Poor and Board of Survey)

	Votes
Leon F. Call had two hundred and eighty-eight	288
Elected, Frank W. Dayton had four hundred and fifty-three	453
Elected, Arthur W. Giroux had three hundred and ninety-eight	398
Walter L. Hale had three hundred and forty-eight	348
Elected, Charles F. Perry had four hundred and eighty-two	482
Charles V. Blaisdell had one	1
Louis T. McMahon had one	1
John Denehy had one	1
Blanks, two hundred and ninety-six	296

Assessors (Three Years)

Elected, J. Howard Eames had six hundred and thirty	630
Blanks, one hundred and twenty-six	126

Assessors (Two Years to Fill Vacancy)

Elected, Arthur W. Sprague had five hundred and sixty-two	562
Blanks, one hundred and ninety-four	194

Town Clerk

Elected, James E. Kelley had six hundred and sixty-eight	668
Ed Day had one	1
Blanks, eighty-seven	87

Treasurer

Elected, Frank L. Eames had six hundred and thirty-one	631
Blanks, one hundred and twenty-five	125

Collector of Taxes

Elected, George W. Buck had six hundred and fifty-eight	658
Blanks, ninety-eight	98

Constable

Elected, Walter A. Hill had five hundred and eighty-four	584
Blanks, one hundred and seventy-two	172

Fence Viewers

Elected, Frank W. Dayton had four hundred and forty-three	443
Elected, Arthur W. Giroux had three hundred and fifty-six	356
Walter L. Hale had three hundred and forty-eight	348
Elected, Charles F. Perry had four hundred and forty-five	445
Carl S. Pettengill had two hundred and ninety-seven	297
Leon Call had three	3
Blanks, three hundred and seventy-six	376

School Committee (Three Years)

Elected, Alfred S. Allen had five hundred and thirty-five	535
M. Herbert Foskett had two hundred and sixty-five	265
Elected, Peter Neilson had four hundred and forty-two	442
Charles F. Perry had one	1
Blanks, two hundred and sixty-nine	269

Trustees Public Library (Three Years)

Elected, Edward N. Eames had five hundred and sixteen	516
Natalie A. Giroux had three hundred and thirty-seven	337
Elected, Peter Neilson had three hundred and seventy-five	375
Blanks, two hundred and eight-four	284

S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee (Five Years)

Elected, Arthur W. Giroux had three hundred and thirty-five	335
Frank A. Roman had three hundred and eleven	311
Blanks, one hundred and ten	110

Trustee of Trust Funds (Three Years)

Elected, Caleb S. Harriman had six hundred and five	605
Blanks, one hundred and fifty-one	151

Tree Warden

Elected, Oliver A. McGrane had six hundred and forty-six	646
Blanks, one hundred and ten	110

Moderator

Elected, Edward N. Eames had four hundred and sixty-nine	469
Archie S. Thurston had two hundred and eighteen	218

After a declaration of the vote by the Moderator and administering the oath of office to the following named persons, Frank W. Dayton, Charles F. Perry and Arthur W. Giroux as Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fence Viewers and Board of Survey; Walter A. Hill as Constable, Oliver A. McGrane as Tree Warden, and James E. Kelley as Town Clerk, the meeting adjourned until Monday, March 9th, at 8 o'clock at the Grange Hall.

TOWN MEETING

Record of Proceedings of the Adjourned Annual Meeting in the Grange Hall, March 9, 1925

At the appointed time the meeting was called to order by the Moderator and Article 2 of the Warrant read.

Article 2. On motion: Voted a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to bring in a list of names as nominations for the several offices to be filled under the article. The Moderator appointed Louis T. McMahon, Charles C. Alden and Charles F. Perry, who submitted the following list:

Field Drivers

William J. Rodden Edward W. Taylor Charles D. Reilly

Public Weighers of Merchandise

J. Arthur Taylor	Harry R. Deming
Fred W. Carter	Arthur F. Blake
Walter L. Hale	Alfred S. Blackburn
Austin C. Taylor	John A. Howe

Measurers of Leather

J. Arthur Taylor Harry R. Deming Arthur F. Blake

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

Herbert C. Barrows	Schamiel R. McIntosh
Thomas T. Sidelinker	Harry R. Deming
Arthur W. Eames	Walter L. Hale
Edward N. Eames	Arnold D. Carter

Finance Committee (Three Years)

Caleb S. Harriman Frank M. Tiffany Thomas C. Daly

Common Committee (Three Years)

Caleb S. Harriman

On motion voted: That the list be accepted and adopted and the nominees declared elected.

Article 3. To hear reports of Committees and act thereon.

To the Citizens of the Town of Wilmington:

The Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1924, for the purpose of bringing in further plans and recommendations for the building of the school in the West district, beg to submit the following report:

The Committee had in mind at first, securing a location that would be accessible to the scholars, not only from the Silver Lake district, but from the West part of the Town. The district has been thoroughly looked over for available and suitable sites, and we regret to state that this entire district showed very few places which we could recommend for the erection of a school house because of the swampy land and poor drainage. Further deliberation made us feel that it would hardly be possible for us to locate a building that would accommodate both the Silver Lake and West districts, and the sites narrowed down to

three: one on Mrs. Thompson's land, one on Main Street, near the Tewksbury line, and another on Main Street, just above Bridge Lane. Mrs. Thompson does not desire to sell, and the land near the Tewksbury line and Main Street had a prohibitive price on it. We finally concluded that the best location was on Main Street, near Bridge Lane, on the south side of Main Street. There is land enough for school purposes and we believe we can build a school with a dry cellar and sufficient drainage to keep the building in proper condition. An architect looked over the locations and he decided that it was quite desirable and that it was located on the side of the street which would give proper lighting for school purposes.

It has come to the attention of the Committee, in an indirect way, that there was an agitation to abandon the idea of a district school and make an addition to the Walker School instead. The Committee therefore thought that we should report back to this Town Meeting and let the voters determine whether they wish to build a school in the West district, or to make an addition to the Walker School, or take any other action toward additional school facilities at this time. The Committee were without funds or without the power to negotiate the purchase of any land and were, therefore, unable to proceed any further without additional instructions from the Town.

There is argument for both the district school and for the centralization school from an educational standpoint, and also the matter must be approached from a financial standpoint. A two-room school will cost, furnished, outside of the price of the land, approximately $15,000. The question arises whether it is prudent for us to confine our building to a two-room school. An examination of the records of births for the last five years would indicate a considerable increase in our scholars during the coming years, and it is questionable whether a two-room building would be equal to housing the scholars which we will have to accommodate. A four-room addition to the Walker

School would probably cost about $40,000. A similar addition of four rooms was made in Tewksbury last year at a cost of $39,000. There is, of course, the other alternative of double sessions with the cost of an additional teaching staff.

We respectfully place this matter before the voters and ask them for further instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY DALEY,
EDWARD NEILSON,
CARL PETTENGILL,
WALTER CURRIER,
L. T. McMAHON, Chairman,
Committee on Additional School Facilities.

On motion: Voted the report be accepted.

To the Citizens:

Thrift, we are told, means wise and prudent management. It does not necessarily mean the hoarding of funds but rather providing for actual needs with the elimination of luxuries. Since the inception of the Finance Committee our purpose has been to promote and encourage the spirit of thrift in the expenditure of Town Funds. Careful consideration has been given every matter presented to the Committee, and if we felt the expenditure was justified we have so recommended to the voters, otherwise we expressed disapproval. This disapproval does not always signify that we did not believe the matter unworthy of consideration but it does mean that we felt that at that particular time the matter should be laid aside in the interests of economy.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the voters for the splendid support they have given the Finance Com-

mittee, and again want to emphasize the fact that any citizen may come before the Finance Committee, and any information that is presented, either for or against any proposed article or appropriation, will be welcomed, and carefully considered.

In passing upon the appropriations for the year 1925 we were confronted with a statement from the Town Accountant that we would be obliged to raise the sum of $13,145.21 to cover the deficiencies in the tax levies for the years 1923 and 1924, and also for unpaid bills which the departments had contracted over and above their appropriations for 1924. This is found in detail under articles in the warrant, and will be explained at the Town Meeting.

In this respect we wish to call attention to the fact that there is a prevalence among departments to over-run their appropriations. Where it is a question of protection of life and property the departments are allowed to overdraw their appropriations under State Statutes. We are inclined to believe that because of this fact, when some of our departments do not pay enough attention to the appropriation allowed them, they have been allowed by the Selectmen to exceed the amount allotted them by the Town. We hope that during the coming year the Board of Selectmen, who have full control of expenditures, will insist that each department base their expenditures so that at the end of 1925 we will have a clean balance sheet and no department will show an over-draft.

There is another cause, we believe, for the departments showing an overdraft, and that is due to the fact that no uniform written orders of any kind are placed when supplies or work has been ordered. This is true of all departments including the School Department. Once before we have urged the Selectmen to install an order system and insist that the Town Accountant will pay no bill unless he has been provided with a copy of order signed by the department head. By the use of such a system, we will, at all times, know what our liabilities are and expendi-

tures will not be allowed when the liability assumed has already taken up the available budget.

The Committee have gone very carefully into the figures submitted by each department and in some instances we have recommended smaller amounts than have been recommended by the Selectmen. In these cases we believe that if due care is exercised that this saving can be made without any loss of efficiency in the work of the department.

This is the first year since the Board has been organized that we have received from the School Committee a budget that was clearly outlined in detail, and we wish to compliment the School Committee on having gone carefully into the needs for the coming year, and we believe that the amounts they have asked for are compatible with their needs.

If the recommendations of the Committee are followed we estimate the tax rate for the year 1925 of $33.30.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On motion: Voted the report be accepted.

At the request of Mr. Hathaway of the Committee on Town Forest, the report of said Committee was laid over to be taken up under Article 27 of the warrant.

Art. 4. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the several and respective sums recommended by the Finance Committee, each sum to be voted on separately, and subject to amendment. Voted in the affirmative.

General Government:

Selectmen, salaries and expenses	$850.00
Accountant, salary and expenses	650.00

Treasurer, salary and expenses	575.00
Collector, salary and expenses	1,700.00
Assessors, salaries and expenses	1,600.00
Assessors, Printing Valuation Book	800.00
Town Clerk, salary and expenses	220.00
Finance Committee, expenses	100.00
Election, Registration, salaries and expenses	300.00
Town Hall, janitor, fuel, light and repairs	450.00
Town Constable	50.00
	$7,295.00

Protection of Life and Property:

Police Department	$3,000.00
Fire Department	2,800.00
Suppression of Moths (compulsory $1,058.48), Balance for incidentals and private work	1,700.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	250.00
Tree Warden	1,000.00
Forest Fires	600.00
Building Inspector	500.00
	$9,850.00

Health and Sanitation:

Board of Health Agent's salary, Quarantine wages, Inspector of Meats and Provisions, and Vital Statistics	$ 700.00

Highways:

Highways, roads and bridges	$5,500.00
Chapter 81 (Part from State)	7,525.00
Specific repairs (Salem and Lowell Streets)	500.00
Electric Street Lights	7,605.00
	$21,130.00

Charities and Aid:	
Care of Poor	$3,500.00
Aid for Dependent Mothers	500.00
	$4,000.00
Soldiers' Benefits:	
State Aid	*$350.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Military Aid	150.00
	$350.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures:	
Town Indebtedness	$2,750.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00
Interest	5,787.50
Unclassified (Printing, care of clock, etc.)	1,250.00
Cemetery	1,200.00
	$12,987.50
Education:	
Schools (including all incidental running expenses)	$44,000.00
Library	750.00
	$44,750.00

*Appropriation only.

Art. 5. Motion: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1925 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one

year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 6. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred ($400.) dollars for the observance of Memorial Day, and that the program and expenditures shall be made under the direction of a Committee appointed by the Moderator. Voted in the affirmative. The following were appointed as said Committee: Milton T. Holt, G. A. R., Claude W. Thompson, Spanish War Veteran, Harry P. Jones, Joseph B. Newcomb, Joseph B. McMahon, Roger S. Buck, Jerome J. O'Leary, Frank Furlan, American Legion. Mrs. Susan T. Esler, Mrs. Florence I. Buck, Legion Auxiliary.

Art. 7. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five ($75.) dollars for the upkeep of Regan, Harold Rogers, and Nee Parks. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 8. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand ($1000.) dollars for Public Health Work. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 9. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ($200.) dollars and elect Charles F. Perry as Director who shall expend the aforesaid sum and who shall serve in co-operation with the County Agricultural Trustee of the Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45, Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 10. Motion: That a committee of three be appointed to make recommendations for a suitable Memorial to those who served in the World War of 1917, and that

the amount returned by the State from Soldiers' Bonus Fund, namely, one thousand four hundred seventy-five and 83-100 dollars ($1,475.83) be held in reserve until the report of said Committee is received. Voted in the affirmative. The Moderator appointed as said Committee, Oscar A. Lundgren, James E. Kelley and Caleb S. Harriman.

Art. 11. Motion: To pass the article.

After remarks by several gentlemen, including two members of the Finance Committee and the Chairman of the School Committee, on a vote being taken it was voted to pass the article.

Art. 12. On motion: Voted to pass the article.

Art. 13. On motion: Voted to pass the article.

Art. 14. Motion: To raise and appropriate five hundred ($500.) dollars for the purpose of completing the sidewalk on Main Street, from the completed end to Clark Street. The Moderator declared the motion carried. The vote was doubted and on a standing vote 91 voted yes and 64 voted no. And the decision of the Moderator was sustained.

Art. 15. On motion: Voted to pass the article.

Art. 16. On motion: Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand ($1000.) dollars for the purpose of widening and resurfacing the travelled way on Forest Street, between its Junction with Burlington Avenue and Randolph Road.

Art. 17. After reading of the By-Law by the Secretary of the Finance Committee and some explanations in relation to the same, the motion previously made to accept the same was withdrawn by the mover and the following motion substituted.

Motion: That the matter in relation to the acceptance of the By-Law printed on Pages 38-40 of the Printed Report for the year 1924 be laid over until the next Annual Meeting, and that the Finance Committee hold a public hearing on the same. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 18. Motion: That the Town vote to amend Article 2, Section 5 of the Town By-Laws, relating to the Commissioners of Trust Funds, by eliminating Section 5 and substituting therefor the following:

A. "All funds left to the Town in trust for various purposes shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer. He shall give a receipt to the depositor for any sum so received. The Treasurer shall then notify the Commissioners of Trust Funds of the receipt of such funds, and hand to them the deed of trust. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of such trust funds, and shall invest and reinvest them, and expend therefrom money as directed by the Commissioners. The Treasurer shall furnish a separate bond satisfactory to them for the faithful performance of his duties.

B. "Said Trustees of Trust Funds shall report, in print, at every annual Town Meeting the names of all persons whose deposits they have received from the Treasurer, the income to, and the outlay made on the respective lots for the year then expired, and the balance then standing to the credit of the same, and shall also state the standing of all other funds that may have been placed in their charge."

Voted in the affirmative, unanimously.

Art. 19. Motion: That the Town hereby instruct and authorize the School Committee to have a Fire Drill held in all the schools once a week during the school term. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 20. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand ($1000.) dollars for vocational training and continuance of school expenses. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 21. On motion: Voted to pass the article.

Art. 22. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand one hundred fifty-two and 56-100 ($5,152.56) dollars to cover the net deficiency in revenue for the year 1924. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 23. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred and ninety-five ($2,595.) dollars to cover the net deficiency in revenue for the year 1923. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 24. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand one hundred fourteen and 23-100 ($1,114.23) dollars, to cover the unpaid bills of the School Department for the year 1924. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 25. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate three hundred ninety-three and 05-100 ($393.05) dollars to cover the unpaid bills of the Highway Department. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 26. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred ninety-eight and 37-100 ($3,898.37) dollars to cover the overdrafts for the year 1924. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 27. At this time John W. Hathaway, Esq., a member of the Town Forest Committee, submitted the following report.

To the Citizens of the Town of Wilmington:

A majority of your Committee on the matter of a Town Forest in Wilmington recommend that a portion of the Town Farm be set aside as a Town Forest under the provisions of the statute of the Commonwealth applicable to Town Forests.

Of the portion of the Town Farm upon which the buildings formerly stood, about twenty-five acres is well-wooded with a young healthy growth of white pine.

There will be no expense in having this portion of the farm saved as a Town Forest and its value and usefulness would increase as time goes on.

We recommend that the following portion of the Town Farm be set aside as a Town Forest:

Beginning on a line between the orchard and the woodland on the Westerly side of Main Street where until recently there was a stone wall; thence Westerly on the line of said stone wall and in the same direction to the bed of the Middlesex Canal; thence turning and running in a Northwesterly direction by said Canal to Maple Meadow Brook; thence Southwesterly by said Brook to the Southwesterly line of the Town Farm; thence along the Southwesterly line of the Town Farm on land formerly of Crockett, Bailey, and Winn to the Southerly corner of the Town Farm; thence Easterly or Northeasterly by the Southerly line of the farm to said Main Street; and Northerly by said Main Street to the point of beginning. Containing twenty-five acres, more or less.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN W. HATHAWAY,
HERBERT C. BARROWS.

Motion: That the Town vote to set aside that part of the Town Farm described in the report of the Committee as a Town Forest. Voted in the negative.

Art. 28. Motion: That the Town purchase a Power Loader for the Highway Department the cost not to exceed $500.00, same to be paid from the Highway Department appropriation. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 29. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ($500.) dollars for laying out and opening up a new section of the Cemetery. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 30. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand ($2000.) dollars which shall be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the continuance of the State Road on Salem Street, under the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 34. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 31. Motion: That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract for Seven electric street lights to be installed on Eames Street, from the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge to Main Street. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 32. Motion: That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract for Three electric street lights to be installed on Columbia Street. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 33. On motion: Voted to pass the article.

Art. 34. Motion: That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract for one electric street light on Concord Street. Voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest:

JAMES E. KELLEY,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT

Special Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To Walter A. Hill, Constable of the Town of Wilmington:
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of said Town, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet in Town meeting at the Town Hall, in said Wilmington on Wednesday, the twelfth day of August next, A.D. 1925, at 8 p.m., then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the report and recommendations of the Water Supply Committee, and to act thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) to complete the tests, as recommended by the Water Supply Committee, and approve the transfer of this amount from the Reserve Fund or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Supply Committee to prepare a bill to be presented to the

next Legislature, that will enable the Town to issue bonds, should the Town decide to install a water system or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Cemetery Committee of three who shall serve without salary, said Committee to have entire charge of the Town Cemetery, and thereby relieve the Board of Selectmen from this duty, said Committee to be elected at the next Annual Town Meeting, one to be elected for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and thereafter one to be elected each year for three years or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 5. To see what action the Town will take to provide for additional School Accommodations.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of said Town this the fifth day of August, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

FRANK W. DAYTON,
CHARLES F. PERRY,
ARTHUR W. GIROUX,
Selectmen of Wilmington.

TOWN MEETING

Record of Proceedings of Special Meeting, August 12, 1925

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, the warrant read, and as the Moderator was absent, a Moderator pro-tem. was elected. All the ballots were counted and Frank W. Dayton was elected Moderator pro-tem.

Article 1. After remarks by Mr. Harriman, Chairman of the Committee, in relation to tests, it was voted to accept the report.

Art. 2. Motion: That the Town appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) to be expended under the direction of the Special Committee on Water Supply, in making further tests, and that this sum be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the aforesaid account. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 3. Motion: That the Town authorize the Committee on Water Supply to prepare a bill to be presented to the next Legislature, which will permit the Town to issue bonds, in case the Town voted later to proceed with a Water Supply. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 4. Motion: That at the next Annual Town Meeting, the Town shall elect a Cemetery Committee of three,

who shall have entire charge of the Town Cemeteries and who shall serve without salary, one to be elected for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and thereafter one to be elected each year for three years. Voted in the affirmative.

Art. 5. On motion voted, that a Committee of Five be appointed to consider the subject. Moderator appointed Arthur W. Giroux, Waldo L. Dean, Paul E. Todd, Alfred S. Allen and Wallace E. Barrows. Voted to adjourn.

Attest: JAMES E. KELLEY,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON FOR THE YEAR 1925

NO.	DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
1	January 2	Alfred Stanley Overton	Robert Overton, Josephine Howe
2	January 3	Ernestine Fay Colgate	Walter E. Colgate, Charlotte F. M. Snelling
3	January 3	—— Brown	Harry C. Brown, Mildred Gaskill
4	January 4	Lauretta Joyce Hamilton	Lovett A. Hamilton, Estella M. Campbell
5	January 7	Virginia Margaret Smith	Harold D. Smith, Flora J. Babine
6	January 8	Christine Matilda Edwinson	John Edwinson, Vera M. Britton
7	January 8	—— Casaletto	Joseph Casaletto, Mickilina Profunda
8	January 13	Rose Elizabeth Bouvier	Damascus Bouvier, Helen Filiatreault
9	January 22	Virginia Straghan	Sidney H. Straghan, Erminie Day
10	January 29	Robert Richard Butters	S. Brewster Butters, Angelina Surrette
11	January 31	Barbara Ann Taylor	Ralph Taylor, Myrtle E. Carter
12	February 2	David Norcross Furlan	Frank Furlan, Elizabeth Norcross
13	February 2	Elizabeth Marie Babrant	Aristide Babrant, Elizabeth MacDonough
14	February 3	James Henry Richards	Albert Richards, Mary Le Clair
15	February 10	Mary Frances Starr	Arthur Starr, Mary McDonald
16	February 11	Ernest Elmer Morgan	Joseph Phillips Morgan, Bertha Eloida Demirett
17	February 11	Rose Valenti } Twins	Angelo Valente, Margaret Russo
18	February 11	Katherine Valenti }	Angelo Valente, Margaret Russo
19	February 25	Leroy Stanley Poole, Jr.	Leroy Stanley Poole, Margaret Velma Shusum
20	February 26	Mary Margaret Ritchie	Gardner Ritchie, Rose Porter
21	February 28	Mary Isabell Cavanaugh	Charles Cavanaugh, Rose McMahon
22	March 1	Margaret Louise James	William James, Hilda Lucas
23	March 5	—— Lavoie	Joseph Lavoie, Alphonsine Marion
24	March 7	Marjorie Irene Reeves	Albert Reeves, Helen de Barros
25	March 8	Madeline Lenora Richardson	Thomas Richardson, Madaline Bryant
26	March 8	Edward Henry Durkee	Eldon Durkee, Helen Gillis
27	March 12	Douglass Henry Perham Fiske	Albion W. Fiske, Edith Perham
28	March 13	Leo Francis Ring	Joseph P. Ring, Margaret Morrison
29	March 19	Harry Melvin Campbell	Charles W. Campbell, Laura Kerr
30	April 5	Bernard James Lyons	Edward J. Lyons, Amelia J. Chisholm
31	April 17	Harold William Byam Bendroth	Carl Harold Bendroth, Norma Hilda Byam
32	April 21	Esther Nathalie McArdle	John McArdle, Mary Chapman
33	May 3	Walter Frederick Ellsworth	Walter F. Ellsworth, Helen A. Taylor
34	May 6	Josephine Carbone	Salvatore Carbone, Catina Laurea
35	May 11	Arthur Raymond Hume	Archibald McGregor Hume, Lillian Freeman
36	May 22	Theresa Edith Blades	William C. Blades, Edith Muse
38	May 25	—— Butters	Frank Butters, Harriet Hemcon
39	June 7	Dorothy Eleanor Hunter	Henry Young Hunter, Ethel May MacFarland
40	June 8	Robert Edwin Miller	Earl C. Miller, Irene Blanche MacLeod
41	June 26	Edward Reginald Quimby	Edward H. Quimby, Esther Walker

42	June	26	Marie Mary Alegre	Manuel Alegre, Mary Marques
43	June	27	Gladys Mary Surrette	Walter A. Surrette, Mary B. Suprenant
44	July	2	William Raymond Doucette	Eugene M. Doucette, Fedora D. Suprenant
45	July	4	Leo Kinnon	Albert R. Kinnon, Alice P. Monahan
46	July	8	John Albert White, Jr.	John A. White, Georgianna Sanderson
47	July	12	—— Carter	Samuel Carter, Alice Goodwin
48	July	14	Charles Murray, Jr.	Charles Murray, Mary Jessie Doucette
	July	18	Wendell Reginald Canada	Reginald Clement Canada, Mary Alice Finley
	July	19	—— Clinch	Guy Charles Clinch, Ethel Journesy
49	August	1	Gertrude Donovan	Joseph I. Donovan, Susan Fogivill
50	August	4	Frederick Joseph Fields	Frederick A. Fields, Lydia E. Younis
51	August	4	Evelyn Mildred Nitchie	John J. Nitchie, Edith Helena Heselton
52	August	6	Harold Edward Smith, Jr.	Harold E. Smith, Eleanor J. Sargent
	August	7	Elinor Mary Hill	Sewall Rich Hill, Annie Josephine White
	August	9	Ruth Edith Stenquist	Alton Ferdinand Stenquist, Edith Agnes Forrest
53	August	10	Francis Brennan	Henry Brennan, Mary J. Sadler
54	August	13	George Foley, Jr.	George Foley, Rose Cotreau
55	August	20	Henrietta Mathilda Lewis	Frank Lewis, Edna A. Stahle
56	August	25	Shirley Webber Bedell	LeRoy B. Bedell, Vilma Bryant
57	August	27	Henry George Cummings	William A. Cummings, Gladys M. Tourtellatte
58	August	27	Alfred Schofield Blackburn	Alfred S. Blackburn, Edith MacRae Womersley
	August	28	—— Madden	Thomas Joseph Madden, Susan Mary Horton
59	August	31	Helen Marie McManus	James F. McManus, Mary J. Barry
60	September	1	George Amsie McDonald	Benjamin W. McDonald, Sadie Gallagher
	September	3	Kirby Harold Orr	Kirby Orr, Susan Anfinsen
62	September	12	Edward Arthur Carpenter	Frank Carpenter, Madeline White
63	September	20	—— Augusta	Charles E. Augusta, Irene Lipsett
	September	22	Nelson F. Huntley	Nelson H. Huntley, Mary E. Wehingee
64	September	25	Barbara Blaisdell	Charles V. Blaisdell, Arabell K. Closson
65	October	1	Huldah Whipple Curl	Mervin J. Curl, Grace Brown
66	October	5	Barbara Bradford	Archibald Bradford, Ella Wolfe
67	October	8	William Vincent Lynch, Jr.	William V. Lynch, Mary Louise Grady
68	October	9	Mary Elizabeth Quinn	Paul Quinn, Bertha Boalester
69	October	9	Elizabeth Dimitouk	George Dimitouk, Mary Nastouik
70	October	18	—— Johnson	Herbert Johnson, Helen Berrigan
71	October	18	—— Waisnor	Anthony J. Waisnor, Pauline M. Brazas
72	October	19	Barbara Louise Durkee	Amos J. Durkee, Jr., Beatrice E. Doucet
73	October	23	—— Russell	Marvin Russell, Flora E. Phinney
74	October	24	Marie Bertha Barron	Ernest C. Barron, Lily Hamilton
75	November	3	Eleanor Francis Grimes	Joseph Grimes, Ellen Agnes McLaughlin
76	November	4	Mary Irene Constancio	Manuel M. Constancio, Mary Silva
77	November	12	Gladys Josephine Galka	Anthony Galka, Julia Poleski
78	November	18	Warren Calvin Eaton	Elmer Warren Eaton, Margaret Copley
79	November	21	Richard Bernard Babine	Joseph Babine, Florence Surrette
80	November	7	Barbara Nelson	Dewey Nelson, Ruth Burckes

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON FOR THE YEAR 1925

No.	Date	Place of Marriage	Names of Bride and Groom	Age	Residence	Occupation
1	Jan. 15	Boston	William J. Nason	45	Wilmington	Plumber
			Mary Bagdigean	31	Wilmington	Stitcher
2	Jan. 19	Wilmington	Tomasso Joseph DeMarco	21	Wilmington	Gas Fitter
			Ruth Rita Justice	20	Wilmington	At Home
3	Feb. 15	Wilmington	Alton Stenquist	21	Woburn	Florist
			Alida Edith Forrest	19	Wilmington	At Home
4	Feb. 21	Nashua, N. H.	Frank Nardi	36	Woburn	Buffer
			Laura B. Young	20	Wilmington	At Home
5	Feb. 16	Wilmington	George Volmer Nelson	41	Wilmington	Weather Stripper
			Ellen Christine (Oliver) Voigt	39	South Tewksbury	Interior Decorator
6	Mar. 28	Wilmington	Harold Edwin Smith	22	Everett	Mechanic
			Eleanor Johnston Sargent	20	Wilmington	Stenographer
7	April 3	Wilmington	Joseph Whitlow	38	Wilmington	Laborer
			Clarissa L. (Hamilton) Hewitt	38	Wilmington	At Home
8	April 11	Nashua, N. H.	Eugene Leslie Stevens	25	Reading	Carpenter
			Maude Evelyn O'Brien	24	Wilmington	Bookkeeper
9	April 18	Somerville	Thowald A. Christensen	29	Watertown	Carpenter
			Ada Kristine Peterson	23	Wilmington	Housework
10	April 19	Wilmington	John D. Haley	21	Somerville	Pressman
			Leona Martha DeLarondc	18	Wilmington	At Home
11	May 9	Wilmington	Wendell Von Schoppe Henderson	21	Wilmington	Insurance Agent
			Shirley Lanning Howatt	20	Wilmington	Saleslady
12	May 18	Wilmington	Wilfred David Brabant	19	Wilmington	Steam Fitter
			Bertha Angelina Surprenant	22	Wilmington	Mill Operator
13	May 30	Wilmington	Herbert McKeon	26	Wilmington	Accountant
			Stella Agnes Jackson	18	Wilmington	Sales Girl
14	May 31	Cambridge	Kasamar Dzengilowski	38	Wilmington	Upholsterer
			Honorata Rybeska	20	Wilmington	Domestic
15	June 3	Cambridge	Harold M. Spaulding	38	Wilmington	Steam Fitter's Helper
			Ann Loretta McAndrews	36	West Somerville	At Home
16	June 6	Wilmington	Axel Herman Erlandson	30	Watertown	Traffic Manager
			Ebon Elizabeth Bendroth	28	Wilmington	At Home

17	June 17	Wilmington	Michael Henry Barry, Jr. Anna Regis Fitzgerald	25 25	East Boston Wilmington	Wholesale Shoe Salesman Stenographer
18	June 18	Wilmington	George J. Husband, Jr. Anna Gertrude Melville	20 24	Woburn Woburn	Shoe Cutter Marker
19	June 27	Wilmington	Theodore Hollis Ware Mirriam Helen Buck	21 20	Reading Wilmington	Costumer Stenographer
20	July 2	Cambridge	Alonzo Brent Skank Anna May Hall	28 22	Wilmington Cambridge	Taxi Driver At Home
21	July 4	Wilmington	Peter Martimus Peterson Hazel Jensen	25 23	Wilmington Wilmington	Carpenter Domestic
22	July 11	Malden	John A. McDonald Julia Kelliher	22 21	Wilmington Wilmington	Roofer Housekeeper
23	July 19	Wilmington	Edward Vincent Warabow Annie Marie (Waisnor) Warabow	34 24	Wilmington Wilmington	Assistant Embalmer Housekeeper
24	July 23	Concord, N. H.	Philip Studley Park Dorothy May Rodden	21 18	Wilmington Wilmington	Teamster At Home
25	Aug. 19	Wilmington	Clarence Leon Doucette Frances Laura Surrette	24 21	Reading Wilmington	Chemist Typist
26	Aug. 24	Wilmington	Edgar Royston Pigott Carrie Alice Shaw	33 25	Woburn South Boston	Automobile Dealer Nurse
27	Aug. 29	Wilmington	George Francis Laing Helen Bertha Cutter	23 24	Reading Wilmington	Assistant Production Manager At Home
28	Sept. 8	Wilmington	Eldon Edward Meekins Olga Nutili	22 25	Reading Woburn	Chauffeur At Home
29	Sept. 16	Wilmington	Ralph Collucci Mary DiBennedette	33 20	Woburn Woburn	Leather Worker At Home
30	Oct. 7	Wilmington	Robert Allton Norton Doris Pauline Weiss	21 17	Woburn Woburn	Musician Stenographer
31	Oct. 10	Melrose	Dominick Cusolito Ruth Dorothea Vlasto	34 28	Wilmington Melrose	Manufacturer At Home
32	Oct. 12	Wilmington	Homer Gray Robbins Bertha Beatrice Burnett	28 26	Wilmington Wilmington	Credit Manager Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON FOR THE YEAR 1925 — Concluded

No.	Date	Place of Marriage	Names of Bride and Groom	Age	Residence	Occupation
33	Oct. 22	Medford	Albert Johnston Noble, Jr. Marion Garside	25 23	Wilmington West Somerville	Clerk Secretary
34	Oct. 24	Boston	Louis LaConte Jane Lessack	36 24	Wilmington Somerville	Importer Lawyer
35	Oct. 31	Wilmington	John Balkins Anna Petrowski Gablalovsky	44 39	Woburn Woburn	Leather Worker Housekeeper
36	Oct. 31	Wilmington	Kenneth Seavey Hinsman Bertha Gould	19 23	East Lexington Brookline	Shipper Housekeeper
37	Nov. 26	Wilmington	Charles Elphege Henault Rose Cecelia Meuse	31 16	Andover Wilmington	Mill Worker At Home
38	Nov. 26	Wilmington	Michael Balestreni Ursula Jane (McGrath) Baxter	66 57	Woburn Woburn	Farmer Housework
39	Dec. 10	Wilmington	Seward Lars Neilson Alma Andrea Hansen	24 18	Billerica Billerica	Car Repairman Housework

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON FOR THE YEAR 1925

NO.	Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Cause of Death
1	Jan. 4	Rose Elizabeth Surrette		11		Diphtheria
2	Jan. 11	Alexander K. Lydiard	80	6	17	Valvular Disease of Heart
3	Jan. 13	Stephen Buck	89		11	Valvular Disease of Heart
4	Jan. 20	Virginia Margaret Smith			13	Premature Birth
5	Jan. 26	Edward F. Fortis	67	10	16	Broncho Pneumonia
6	Jan. 27	Virginia L. Butters	3	9	19	Broncho Pneumonia
7	Jan. 27	M. Leontiene Buck	48	11	28	Broncho Pneumonia
8	Jan. 25	Amoretta E. Elliott	70	11	6	Myocarditis
9	Feb. 10	William F. Lewis	69	1	24	Pulmonary Phthisis
10	Feb. 10	Mary Contant	79			Arterio Sclerosis
11	Feb. 20	Daniel Norcross Furlan			18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
12	Feb. 23	Charles Kressling	46	1	2	Tuberculosis of Lungs
13	Feb. 24	William J. Sohnering	48	10	1	Mitral Regurgitation
14	Feb. 27	Parker Cole	40	2	13	Facial Erysipelas
15	Feb. 28	Isabel J. Powers	85			Old Age
16	Mar. 5	Mary Ann Harding	78	6		Ruptured Gastric Ulcer
17	Mar. 7	—— Lavoie			2	Congenital Congestion of Liver
18	Mar. 11	James H. Smytherman	71	8	11	Angina Pectoris
19	Mar. 13	Carl Johanson	90			Cerebral Hemorrhage
20	Mar. 14	James Albert Ritchie	63	4	8	Chronic Nephritis
21	Mar. 24	Edward Hamilton, Jr.	20	9	24	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
22	Mar. 26	Letitia Clark	90	1	9	Cerebral Hemorrhage
23	Mar. 31	Robert E. Davis	5	6	4	Accidental Drowning
24	Apr. 10	Josephine E. Pickett	26	11	20	Salpingitis
25	Apr. 17	Sarah Kidder Blanchard	77	2	28	Arterio Sclerosis
26	Apr. 25	Estella D. Whitney	73	6	5	Cerebral Hemorrhage
27	Apr. 28	Leslie A. Durkee	0	9	7	Broncho Pneumonia
28	May 4	James H. Robinson	82	3	10	Apoplexy
29	May 20	John Henry Howard	44	1	14	Tuberculosis
30	June 2	Abigail Wilson	72			Arterio Sclerosis
31	June 12	Chester W. Clark	73	10	1	Ulcer of Stomach
32	July 2	William Crehan, Jr.	2	9	18	Acidosis, Convulsions
33	July 3	John N. Mirageas	40			Pulmonary Tuberculosis
34	July 12	George E. Laskey		9		Convulsions
35	July 14	Joseph N. Alfred'Bouvier	7		16	Automobile Accident
36	Aug. 13	Peter F. McMahon	59	2	6	Automobile Accident
37	Aug. 26	Mary J. Kelley	70	5	19	Automobile Accident
38	Aug. 28	Franklin P. Lander	72	5	13	Myocarditis, Angina Pectoris
39	Aug —	William James	28	4	29	Bullet wound of head, Homicide
40	Sept. 5	Adelaide N. Ames	73	9	21	Arterio Sclerosis, Paralysis Agitans
41	Sept. 7	Sarah Ann Gallagher	79	4	7	Apoplexy
42	Sept. 10	Bridget Murray	68			Cancer, Rectum
44	Sept. 24	Sarah L. Naray	85	4	27	Cancer, Rectum
45	Sept. 27	George Amsie McDonald			27	Malnutrition
46	Sept. 29	Daniel J. McKinnon	71			Carcinoma of Stomach
47	Oct. 3	John A. Tilley	48	10	28	Cerebral Hemorrhage
48	Oct. 20	Mary Mnoholitny	40		21	Cancer of Eye and Brain
49	Oct. 21	John E. Barrows	85	2	5	Angina Pectoris
50	Oct. 22	Harris Goldblatt	63			Aortic Stenosis and Regurgitation
51	Oct. 24	Michael F. Murphy	56			Automobile Accident
52	Oct. 26	Dana Carl Cady	23		4	Multiple Burns of Body and Head,"Accident"
53	Nov. 5	Henry Neville Ames	48	7	29	Cancer of Bladder
54	Nov. 10	Helene Saulnier	73	7	15	Angina Pectoris
55	Nov. 19	George H. Dennett	69	1	13	Cancer of Liver
56	Nov. 25	Emma Eva Hall	66	9	17	Chronic Nephritis
57	Nov. 30	Mary Josephine Blaisdell	75	4	14	Bronchial Pneumonia
59	Dec. 9	Mary J. Wight	75			Bronchial Pneumonia

DEATHS — (Continued)

The following non-residents were buried in Wilmington:

Date of Death	Name	Age Y	M	D	Place
Feb. 6	Doris Elba Blaisdell		4	20	In Woburn
Feb. 19	Chelles C. Byam	77	11	17	Medfield
Mar. 28	Oliver H. Arno	79	10	5	Boston
Apr. 3	Charles N. Eames	77		28	North Reading
Apr. 27	Lucy Frances Crockett	88	10	30	Melrose
June 22	Charles A. Taylor	77	6	28	Beverly
Aug. 10	Keren L. Studley	57	10	1	Woburn
Oct. 20	Albert F. Lewis	88	5		Billerica
Oct. 11	Pauline Mary Biggar		1	13	Andover
Nov. 12	Ernest A. Day	52	7	2	Boston
Nov. 28	William D. Quigley	54	6	10	Woburn

RECAPITULATION

Births registered in 1925	89
Males	42
Females	47
Marriages registered in 1925	39
Deaths registered in 1925	59
Males	34
Females	25
Dog License Account:	
Number of Licenses issued	311
By Cash paid County Treasurer	$753.80
Account of printed Records—Births, Marriages and Deaths:	
Number on hand Jan. 1, 1925	183
Number on hand Jan. 1, 1926	183

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. KELLEY,
Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk will furnish to parents, householders, physicians and midwives, applying therefor, blanks for returns of births as required by law.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF

THE ACCOUNTS

OF THE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1924 TO
JUNE 24, 1925

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws

NOVEMBER 19, 1925

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION

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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

November 19, 1925.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Mr. Frank W. Dayton, Chairman,
Wilmington, Massachusetts:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the Town of Wilmington for the period from January 1, 1924 to June 24, 1925, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELLL,
Director of Accounts.

REPORT OF CHIEF EXAMINER

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:—As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Wilmington for the period from January 1, 1924, to June 24, 1925, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the Town as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the Town were examined and reconciled with the records in the Town Accountant's office.

The books and accounts in the Town Accountant's office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts and payments were verified by a comparison with the Treasurer's book. The ledger was analyzed and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the Town June 24, 1925.

In checking the ledger accounts, it was found that the receipts estimated by the Assessors in fixing the tax rate for 1924 exceeded the actual receipts for the year by a considerable amount, which made necessary an appropriation to cover the deficit at the annual Town Meeting in 1925.

The surplus revenue account should show a credit balance equal to the outstanding accounts receivable against which no revenue loans can be issued, in order that the Treasurer may be able to comply with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws, in the payment of revenue loans.

The books and accounts of the Treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the Town and with other sources from which money was paid into the Town Treasury; and the payments were checked with the Selectmen's orders authorizing the Treasurer to disburse Town funds. The cash book was footed, the cash on hand June 24, 1925, was verified, and the bank account was reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank.

The accounts of the Tax Collector for the levies of 1923, 1924, and for the poll taxes of 1925 were examined and checked. The commitment books were footed and reconciled with the Assessors' Warrants, the recorded collections were checked and footed, and the payments to the Treasurer were verified by a comparison with the Treasurer's books.

The recorded abatements were checked to the Assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled.

Owing to the Collector's methods of making payments to the Treasurer before the collections are entered in his cash book or credited in the commitment book, it was found that the payments to the Treasurer, as shown by the Treasurer's receipts, exceeded the amounts in the Collector's cash and commitment books by $96.87, and that a deposit was made in the bank of $982.57 to the credit of the Town, which had not been reported to the Treasurer nor entered in the Collector's cash or commitment books.

The Collector should enter the collections in his cash book before making payments to the Treasurer and should make payments of amounts shown by his cash book, reporting separately to the Treasurer the total amount of taxes, for moth assessments, and for interest.

The securities representing the investments of the Trust Funds belonging to the Town and in the custody of the Trustees were examined and listed. The income and expenditures were verified and checked to the Trustees' rec-

ords, and the cash on hand in the Lecture Fund was verified by the bank statement.

The records of the Town Clerk were examined, and the appropriations and other financial transactions as voted by the Town were examined and listed.

The licenses issued by the Town Clerk for dogs and for hunting and fishing were examined and checked, the payments to the County Treasurer for dog licenses and to the State Treasurer for hunting and fishing licenses being verified by receipts on file.

The accounts of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for fees collected were examined and checked, and the payments to the Treasurer were verified by the Treasurer's books.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the accounts of the library for fines, etc., of the Selectmen for licenses issued, of the Cemetery Department for sales of lots and graves, and of the Building Inspector for permits issued, were examined, and payments to the Treasurer were verified by the Treasurer's books.

The surety bonds of the Treasurer, the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the Treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and assessment accounts, together with tables showing the condition of the several Trust Funds.

While engaged in the work of the audit, I received the hearty co-operation of the several Town officials, for which on behalf of my assistant and myself, I wish to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,
Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash balance January 1, 1924	$31,726.09	
Receipts	215,349.78	
		$247,075.87
Payments	$211,059.77	
Cash balance December 31, 1924	36,016.10	
		$247,075.87

Cash balance January 1, 1925	$ 36,016.10	
Receipts January 1 to June 24, 1925,	106,628.11	
		$142,644.21
Payments January 1 to June 24, 1925,	$136,376.43	
Cash balance June 24, 1925,	6,267.78	
		$142,644.21

Cash in office June 24, 1925 (verified)	$ 273.72	
Memoranda:		
Bill paid, not yet entered on Cash book,	411.63	
Bank balance per check book,	5,656.65	
		$6,342.00
Cash book balance June 24, 1925,	$6,267.78	
Cash over,	74.22	
		$6,342.00

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH—1925

First National Bank, Reading		
Balance June 24, 1925, per bank statement,		$10,613.62
Check book balance June 24, 1925,	$5,656.65	
Interest on deposits, entered on cash book after June 24,	22.22	
Deposit by collector of taxes, not reported to Treasurer until after June 24,	982.57	
Outstanding checks per list,	3,952.18	
		$10,613.62

TAXES—1923

Commitment per Warrant,		$53,344.29	
Re-assessment after abatement,		26.85	
			$53,371.14
Payments to Treasurer:			
1923,	$28,826.85		
1924,	23,921.38		
		$52,748.23	
Abatements:			
1923,	$ 26.85		
1924,	596.06		
		622.91	
			$53,371.14

TAXES—1924

Commitment per Warrant,		$87,889.16	
Additional polls,		8.00	
Overpayment to Treasurer,		96.87	
			$87,994.03
Payments to Treasurer:			
1924,	$48,946.25		
January 1 to April 24, 1925,	* 8,576.29		
		$57,522.54	
Abatements:			
1924,	$77.28		
January 1 to April 24, 1925,	96.14		
		173.42	
Outstanding June 24, 1925, per list,		30,298.07	
			$87,994.03

*Does not include a deposit of $982.57 made June 18, 1925, and not entered on the Collector's books until after June 24, 1925.

POLL TAXES—1925

Commitment per Warrant,		$1,988.00
Outstanding June 24, 1925, per list,	$1,846.00	
Cash on hand June 24, 1925,	142.00	
		$1,988.00

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1923

Commitment per Warrant,		$617.16	
Re-assessed after abatement,		.60	
			$617.76
Payment to Treasurer:			
1923,	$400.31		
1924,	216.85		
		$617.16	
Abatements 1923,		.60	
			$617.76

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1924

Commitment per Warrant,			$673.41
Payments to Treasurer:			
1924,	$392.87		
January 1 to June 24, 1925,	49.38		
		$442.25	
Outstanding June 24, 1925, per list,		231.16	
			$673.41

LIBRARY FUNDS

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1924,	$1,397.08	$1,397.08
On hand at end of year 1924,	$1,464.64	$1,464.64

Receipts.

Income,	$67.56	
Total,		$67.56

Payments.

Deposited in savings bank,	$67.56
Total,	$67.56

No transactions recorded in 1925.

COMMON FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1924,	$292.49	$292.49
On hand at end of year 1924,	$301.26	$301.26

Receipts.

Income,	$14.77	
Total,		$14.77

Payments.

Deposited in savings bank,	$8.77	
Transferred to Town,	6.00	
Total,		$14.77

S. D. J. CARTER LECTURE FUND

	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Securities At cost	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1924	$225.37	$698.04	$5,541.50	$6,464.91
On hand at end of year 1924,	$75.35	$729.79	$5,541.50	$6,346.64
On hand June 24, 1925,	$94.73	$629.79	$5,541.50	$6,266.02

Receipts.		*Payments.*	
		1924	
Income,	$271.75	Savings Bank deposit	$31.75
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	225.37	Expended,	390.02
		Cash on hand at end of year,	75.35
Total,	497.12	Total,	$497.12
		January 1 to June 24, 1925	
Withdrawn from savings bank,	$100.00	Expended,	$80.62
Cash on hand January 1, 1925,	75.35	Cash on hand June 24, 1925,	94.73
Total,	$175.35	Total,	$175.35

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1924,	$4,569.70	$4,569.70
On hand at end of year 1924,	$4,582.19	$4,582.19
On hand June 24, 1925,	$4,682.19	$4,682.19

Receipts.

	1924
Bequest,	$100.00
Income,	220.49
Total,	$320.49

Payments.

Deposited in savings bank,	$112.49
Expended for care,	208.00
Total,	$320.49

January 1 to June 24, 1925

Bequests,	$100.00
Total,	$100.00
Deposited in savings bank,	$100.00
Total,	$100.00

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 24, 1925

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash,		$6,267.78
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1924,	$30,201.20	
Levy of 1925, Polls,	1,988.00	
		32,189.20
Special Assessments:		
Moth 1924,		231.16
State Aid—Highways,		3,225.00
Tax Titles,		3,949.09
Emergency Overdraft:		
Forest Fires,		47.60
Cemetery Perpetual Care (to be refunded from income),		68.75
Revenue 1925,	$119,252.71	
Less Estimated receipts (collections),	7,418.19	
		111,834.52
Revenue deficit,		177.43
		$157,990.53

LIABILITIES

Revenue loans,	$90,000.00
Surplus War bonus,	1,475.83
Appropriation balances 1925,	60,346.40
Overlay, for abatement of taxes:	
Levy of 1924,	1,246.81
Reserve fund—overlay surplus,	741.24
Moth assessment revenue,	231.16
Tax title revenue,	3,949.09
	$157,990.53

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	$20,500.00
	$20,500.00

LIABILITIES

Main Street construction loan 1923,	$ 3,000.00
High School loan,	17,500.00
	$20,500.00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities,	$12,714.11
	$12,714.11

LIABILITIES

Library Funds,	$1,464.64
Carter Lecture Fund,	6,266.02
Common Fund,	301.26
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	4,682.19
	$12,714.11

AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Report of Middlesex County Extension Service in the Town of Wilmington for the Year 1925.

An appropriation of $200.00 was made at the Annual Meeting in support of the Middlesex County Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics. The following is a report of the work done by this organization in Wilmington for the year 1925:

The principal industries in this Town have been in Home Economics work and Boys' and Girls' Club work. Two millinery meetings were held, both of which were attended by twenty-one women. A course in clothing was given to nineteen women and consisted of a series of meetings conducted by the Home Demonstration Agent. A group of twenty-one girls and ten women have enrolled in a Food Selection project. This is to be carried on by means of a series of meetings, taking up the different problems relating to the subject.

In the 4-H club activities seventy boys and girls were enrolled in the clothing, food, lunch box, garden, canning and pig clubs. Accomplishments were shown at the achievement program held in conjunction with one of the spring moving picture performances and by exhibits at the Wilmington Grange Fair. Alice Hinxman was awarded the Two-Day Trip to the Massachusetts Agricultural Col-

lege. The Wilmington club members won a banner at the field day held at the Middlesex School, Concord, Mass.

Many of the fruit growers in the Town profited by receiving the spray service postal cards which were sent out from time to time during the spray season. Judges were furnished for the Fair, judging agricultural as well as home economics exhibits.

In addition, several county-wide meetings, such as the County Picnic at Concord, the Annual Extension Service meeting at Waltham, meetings for fruit growers and poultrymen and Leaders' Training meetings for homemakers have been held during the year and were attended by many of the Wilmington people.

CHARLES F. PERRY,
Local Director.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Number of arrests	76
Males	70
Females	6
Residents	28
Non-residents	48

Causes of Arrest

Drunks	36
Keeping and exposing intoxicating liquor	8
Violation of the automobile laws	8
Disturbing the peace	2
Assault and battery	5
Insane	5
Keeping a disorderly house	1
Maintaining a gambling nuisance	1
Pedling without a license	1
Trespassing	7
Non-support	1
Manslaughter	2
Murder	3
Larceny	1
Cruelty to animals	1
Bastardy	1

Disposition of Cases

Discharged	12
Placed on file	13
Danvers Insane Asylum	4
Bridgewater State Farm	1
Sentenced to die in the electric chair	1
Nol prossed	1
Turned over to the Revere police	1
Probation	3
Dismissed for want of prosecution	1
Number of fines imposed	35
Amount of fines imposed	$636.00
Amount of stolen property recovered	$4,850.00
Appealed cases	2
Cases investigated	21
Dogs killed	17

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. HILL,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Town of Wilmington, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my yearly report as Inspector of Slaughtering in this Town from January 1, 1925 to December 31, 1925 inclusive.

The whole number of hogs inspected was 589, all at the Blue Hog Breeding Company's slaughter house. The whole number condemned was 8.

Respectfully yours,

ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Wilmington, Mass., December 31, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my financial report for Building Inspector's Department from March 16, 1925 to December 31, 1925.

Appropriation		$500.00
	Payments.	
Salary, Inspector,		$400.00
Printing,	$46.50	
Telephone,	38.22	
		84.72
		$484.72

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CROTEAU,
Building Inspector.

Wilmington, Mass., December 31, 1925.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Building Inspector from March 16, 1925 to December 31, 1925.

Permits issued		119
Dwellings	48	
Garages	21	
Alterations	35	
Cottages	9	
Stores	2	
Stables	1	
Filling station	1	
Blacksmith shop	1	
Henhouse	1	
Received for new constructions, 84 @ $1.00		$84.00
Additions and alterations, 35 @ .50		17.50
		$101.50

Fees collected and turned over to Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CROTEAU,
Building Inspector.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the work of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Work of the Department as follows:

Number of platform scales over 5000 lbs.	2
Number of platform scales under 5000 lbs.	14
Number of counter scales	8
Number of beam scales over 100 lbs.	1
Number of beam scales under 100 lbs.	2
Number of spring balance scales over 100 lbs.	4
Number of spring balance under 100 lbs.	31
Number of computing scales under 100 lbs.	9
Number of personal weighing scales	2
Number of weights avoirdupois	69
Number of liquid measures	55
Number of kerosene measuring pumps	3
Number of oil measuring pumps	24
Number of gasoline measuring pumps	22
Number of scales condemned	2
Number of liquid measures condemned	1
Number of clinical thermometers inspected	5
Number of pedlers licenses inspected	15
Number of cases in court found guilty	1
Fees collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer	$37.83
Total expense of Department	$245.98

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST R. CURRIER,
Sealer.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Wilmington, January 8, 1926.

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report as Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent for the past year.

The customary planting of shade trees has been done as was possible with the appropriation available.

Some trimming and removals have been made where found necessary along the highways.

The usual spraying for the Gypsy Moth has been done and the work of creosoting what egg-masses may be found is being done at this time.

Such property owners who do not do this work which is required by law will be obliged to have the work done by this Department and charged for as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER A. McGRANE,
Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen,
Wilmington, Mass.:

I wish at this time to submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year 1925.

During the early part of the year a tour of inspection was made of all cattle, sheep, swine, etc., and also of the premises where they were kept. Where conditions were found unfit for proper comfort and health of the livestock, suggestions were made for the betterment of conditions and a subsequent visit made to see that these suggestions were complied with.

The cattle were examined and any showing symptoms of contagious or infectious disease were disposed of and the premises disinfected. During the early winter this section was visited by the European Fowl Plague and many poultry men lost almost their entire flock before it was brought under control. Quarantine of all poultry shipments aided much in bringing the disease under control.

Rabies was diagnosed in a few dogs during the year, but fortunately no one was bitten who required treatment. No doubt the vaccination against rabies has helped materially in keeping down the number of cases which appear in places where the treatment is being used extensively.

About 250 head of cattle, 4 goats, 6 sheep and upwards of 6,000 swine were inspected this year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Chief of Fire Department. The Department answered 139 calls the past year, 1925, which were as follows:

Buildings	23
Chimney	13
Automobiles	1
Trucks	1
Brush	93
Tree fires caused by electric wires	2
False alarms	6
	139

No. 1. Jan. 14, 1925. Still alarm, Salem St. Chimney. House owned by David Sullivan. No damage.

No. 2. Jan. 17. Box 91. Butters Rowe. House owned by Mr. Malstester. Value of house, $800. Value of contents, $1,000. Insurance on house, $4,000. No insurance on contents.

No. 3. Jan. 5. Box 67, off Main Street, Silver Lake. Chimney. House owned by Mrs. Davis. No damage.

No. 4. Jan. 23. Still alarm, West Street. Chimney, house of Mrs. Goulds. No damage.

No. 5. Feb. 13. Still alarm. Butters Rowe. Chimney. House owned by Miss Georgie Crockett. No damage.

No. 6. Feb. 18. Box 21, Salem Street. House owned by Morris Madelensky. Value of house, $3,000. Insurance on house, $5,500. Value of contents, $1,500. Insurance on contents, $1,500. Damage to contents, $1,200. Damage to house, $1,200.

No. 7. April 8. Still alarm, Ballardvale Street. Friends Farm House. Value of house, $3,000. Insurance on house, $1,800. Damage to house, $100. Value of contents, $2,000. Insurance on contents, $1,500. Damage to contents, $15.

No. 8. April 11. Box 71. Tewksbury House, owned by Peter Neilson.

No. 9. April 19. Box 47. Border Avenue, North Woburn line. House owned by Palmer Lucher. Value of house, $1,600. Insurance on house, $2,000. Value of contents, $1,000. No insurance on contents.

No. 10. April 22. Box 37. West Street. Barn owned by Miss R. V. Edsburg. Value of barn, $1,600. Insurance on barn, $2,000. Value of contents, $500. No insurance on contents.

No. 11. April 22. Box 71. Tewksbury House owned by P. Carter. Value of house, $800. Value of contents, $600. Damage to house, $100. No damage to contents.

No. 12. May 10. Still alarm. Burlington Avenue. Chimney, house owned by Miss Georgie Crockett. No damage.

No. 13. May 26. Forest Street. Small garage owned by Mrs. Edwards. Value of garage, $50. No damage on garage.

No. 14. June 3. Shawsheen Avenue. Oldsmobile owned by J. Matze of Chestnut Street. Value of auto, $800. Insurance on auto, $600.

No. 15. June 9. Still alarm, Burlington Avenue. Chimney, house owned by Alfred Allen. No damage.

No. 16. July 4. Still alarm, Parker Street. Hen house owned by Mr. Thomas Domic. Value of hen house, $150.

No. 17. July 4. Still alarm, Lowell Street. Small office building. Value of building, $100.

No. 18. July 4. Still alarm. Barn and shed off Burlington Avenue. Value of shed, $150. Value of contents, $1,000. No damage.

No. 19. July 4. Still alarm, Forest Street. Barn owned by the Cullins Estate. Value of barn, $100. No insurance on barn.

No. 20. July 4. Still alarm, Butters Rowe. Barn owned by Mr. Melestester. Value of barn, $450. No damage on barn. Value of contents, $500. No damage on contents.

No. 21. July 7. Parker Street, North Reading line. Truck fire. Value of truck, $800.

No. 22. July 19. Still alarm, Nichols Street Corner. Wires burning tree.

No. 23. Aug. 26. Grove Avenue, Still alarm. Wires burning tree.

No. 24. Sept. 26. Box 63, Main Street. Boston & Maine freight shed. Value of freight shed, $600. Damage to freight shed, $100

No. 25. Sept. 26. Still alarm, Chestnut Street. Chimney, house owned by Mr. Bailey.

No. 26. Oct. 4. Box 52, Blackstone Street. Small cottage. Value of cottage, $400. No insurance on cottage. Value of contents, $150. No insurance on contents. Damage to contents, $50. Damage to cottage, $200.

No. 27. Oct. 20. Ballardvale Street. Small cottage owned by Julius Bonning. Value of cottage, $300.

No. 28. Oct. 21. Still alarm, Washington Avenue. House owned by Mr. Ellsworth. Value of house, $2,000. Insurance on house, $4,000. Damage to contents, $15. Value of contents, $1,500.

No. 29. Nov. 4. Box 17, Salem Street. Barn owned by Mr. Coombs. Value of barn, $800. Insurance on barn, $2,500. Value of contents, $1,000. Damage to contents, $100.

No. 30. Nov. 12. Still alarm. Chimney, house owned by Mr. James H. Borns, Federal Gardens. No damage.

No. 31. Nov. 15. Still alarm. Chimney, house owned by Otis Eller, Silver Lake. No damage.

No. 32. Dec. 13. Still alarm. Wilmington Congregational Church. Value of Church, $50,000. Value of contents, $2,000. Damage to contents, $200. Damage to Church, $100.

No. 33. Dec. 15. Box 12, Andover Street. House owned by M. B. Hathaway. Chimney. Value of house, $1,700. Insurance on house, $2,500. Damage to house, $10.

No. 34. Dec. 24. Box 61, Middlesex Avenue. House owned by Mr. C. F. Sonder. Value of house, $1,600. Insurance on house, $9,000. Damage to house, $100.

No. 35. Dec. 3. Still alarm, Lowell Street. House owned by Lon Pike. Chimney. No damage.

No. 36. Dec. 19. Still alarm, Harnden Street, Silver Lake. House owned by Christy Neilson. No damage.

No. 37. Dec. 28. Box 72, at 1:30 A. M. Store owned by Stewart, Grove Avenue, Silver Lake. Value of building, $800. Insurance on building, $2,000. Damage to building, $25.00. Value of contents, $2,000. Insurance on contents, $800. Damage to contents, $100.

No. 38. Dec. 28. Still alarm, Thurston Avenue. W. Rice. House, chimney fire. No damage.

No. 39. Dec. 30. Still alarm, Morse Street. Wilmington Grain Co., store. Chimney. No damage.

No. 40. Dec. 31. Still alarm, Shawsheen Avenue. Alden Eames' house. Cause of fire, chimney. Value of house, $2,500. Insurance on house, $4,000. Damage to house, $2,500.

No. 41. Dec. 31. Box 57, 8:35 P. M., Church Street. House owned by D. F. Perkins. Value of house, $2,400. Insurance on house, $1,800. Damage to house, $15.

Value of buildings totally destroyed	$4,850.00
Damage to buildings by fire	3,790.00
Value of buildings not destroyed by fire	88,850.00
Value of contents	15,150.00
Damage to same	1,665.00

E. L. DAY, *Chief.*

PERMITS

Permits are required for all fires in the open air between March 1 and December 1. It should be especially noted that these exceptions do not hold good in the case of fires within 50 feet of buildings or within 200 feet of sprout or forest land. For such fires, in other words, a permit is always nec-

essary within the dates mentioned. In issuing permits it is not necessary to restrict the time for burning to an exact date. Space has been provided on the permit forms for adding the desired number of days for burning. Village rubbish and débris fires should be given from one to three days. Parties burning fallows or brush land may need a little more extension of time.

ROLL OF DEPARTMENT

E. L. DAY, *Chief*

W. W. Rice, *Capt.*	F. A. Cady	P. Dayton
J. F. Muse, *Lieut.*	E. M. Haskell	J. O'Leary
L. F. Call, *Clerk*	H. R. Pratt	N. Perry
C. T. Horton	H. M. Horton	Charles Black
R. Porter	George Fuller	W. Sheldon
L. Waterman	Albert Lane	Ernest Downing
C. D. A. Gray	W. A. Hill	

Hose laid	5,670 ft.
Chemical used	1,563 gals.
Fire Permits given out	287

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. DAY, *Chief.*

REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report as Superintendent of Streets for the year 1925.

Money Expended	
Salaries and wages	$9,054.71
Teams and Trucks	6,071.87
Snow removal	638.62
Repairs and supplies	475.28
Truck repairs and maintenance	827.99
Gravel	300.40
Coal and water	220.97
Oil and Tarvia	4,295.63
Culvert pipe	400.18
Crushed stone	209.28
Stone crusher and maintenance	507.21
Rent (Truck housing)	80.00
Signs	75.83
Steam roller	265.00
Town pumps	16.50
Insurance (Liability and Stone crusher)	420.72
New equipment (Cement mixer)	270.00
Curb stones	415.65
Miscellaneous	3.15
Lumber and cement	39.15
Blasting	7.58
Total	$24,595.72

Appropriations

Town	$5,500.00	Balance	$57.42
State Chap. No. 81	10,750.00	"	6.05
" " " 90 (Salem St. Con.)	6,000.00	"	61.98
" " " 90 (Salem and Lowell St.)	1,483.99	"	9.00
Main St. Sidewalk	500.00	"	2.11
Forest St. Repairs	1,000.00	"	1.71
Appropriation for loader carried to 1926			500.00
Total	$25,233.99		$638.27

We built 1,250 feet of tar macadam road on Salem Street, in accordance with a contract signed with the State, and I would recommend that the Town vote to extend this work on Salem Street this year. I have been greatly handicapped this year in my work, in the various gravel pits, and if the Town will vote five hundred ($500.00) dollars more in conjunction with the five hundred ($500.00) dollars appropriated last year, (the same was not used) I will be able to considerably reduce the cost of gravel pit work. In fact, I believe a proper Loader will pay for itself in one season.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. FOOTE,
Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Citizens of Wilmington:

The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit their annual report. We have three inmates boarding at the Wakefield Town Farm, where they have the best of care.

The Wilmington Town Farm was let to Mr. S. P. Pike, Jr., who has much of the land under cultivation.

The outside poor cases which we have been called upon to aid have been very large this year. We also have had a number of cases to send to the State Hospital for treatment.

This increased demand for aid has caused the department to overdraw the appropriation. We wish to say, however, that to offset this overdraft the Treasurer has received $1,747.24 for aid furnished some of the town cases, and also there is due the town from the State, City of Everett and City of Chelsea, $1,417.95.

C. F. PERRY,
FRANK W. DAYTON,
A. W. GIROUX,
Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Honorable Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Librarian.

Public documents received, 17 volumes.
Number of new books purchased for the year, 112 volumes.
Number of books replaced, 2 volumes.
A borrower lost one book and replaced it with a copy of a different book.
Number of books presented, 17 volumes.
Number of books in Library, 6,694 volumes.
Number of persons taking out books, 766.
Number of books taken out during the year, 10,679 volumes.

Forty-one books not needed in the Library have been given to the High School.

The reading table has been supplied from the Town Appropriation with the following magazines: Radio News, Popular Science, Scientific American, Popular Mechanics, National Sportsman, Outdoor America, Nature Magazine, National Geographic, American, Ladies' Home Journal, Youths' Companion, St. Nicholas, Boys' Life, Boy Citizen (8 months) and Saturday Evening Post.

Friends have contributed Our Dumb Animals, Dearborn Independent, Flower Grower (Jan.-March), Living Tissue, Bell Telephone Quarterly, B'nai B'rith, National Grange

Monthly (Jan.-April), Christian Register and for a part of the year The Motive, Mass. Health Journal and New Near East.

Beginning with the November number the Specialty Salesman Magazine has been presented by the Editor, Robert E. Hicks.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA TOLMAN SHELDON,
Librarian.

List of New Books Purchased for the Library for the Year 1925

Fiction

AR53P—Piracy	N. Arlen
B124F—Father Abraham	Irving Bacheller
B693D—Drums	James Boyd
B853RO—Rogue's Badge	Charles N. Buck
B942BA—Bandit of Hell's Bend	E. R. Burroughs
C1525B—Barbarian	Wadsworth Camp
C3525LA—Lantern on the Plow	G. A. Chamberlain
C544D—Daughters of Eve	E. H. Clark
C777L—Lorenzo the Magnificent	D. Coolidge
C784A—Afloat and Ashore	J. Fenimore Cooper
D646B—Black Hood	Thomas Dixon
D747HD—Her Place in the World	A. M. Douglas
F232L—Loring Mystery	Jeffery Farnol
F375F—Fanny Herself	Edna Ferber
F635A—Annexation Society	J. S. Fletcher

G194D—Doctor Ricardo	William A. Garrett
G197H—High Noon	Crosbie Garstin
G355S—Soundings	A. H. Gibbs
H181P—Paradise	C. Hamilton
H2237U—Under the Greenwood Tree	Thomas Hardy
H387A—At the Foot of the Rainbow	James B. Hendryx
H716MY—Mystery of the Opal	R. S. Holland
IR94Y—Youth Rides West	W. Irwin
L638MI—Missing Initial	Natalie S. Lincoln
L7450—On the Right Wrists	A. Livingston
L896C—Certain Crossroad	Emilie Loring
L974N—Not Under the Law	Grace L. Hill Lutz
M725S—Seine Mystery	Cleveland Moffett
M896T—"Tex"	Clarence E. Mulford
N793LI—Little Ships	Kathleen Norris
OE65H—His Wife-In-Law	Marie C. Oemler
OP54S—Stolen Idols	E. P. Oppenheim
P167I—In Zanzibar	Ralph D. Paine
P224P—Power and the Glory	Gilbert Parker
P242S—Semi-Attached	A Parrish
P756F—Furnace	Dan Poling
P834K—Keeper of the Bees	Gene Stratton-Porter
R474R—Red Lamp	Mary R. Rinehart
R585P—Pleasure Buyers	Arthur S. Roche
SA11C—Carolinian	Rafael Sabatini
SE47L—Last Hope Ranch	Charles A. Seltzer
SM15P—Pearls of Desire	Austin J. Small
SM695G—George and the Crown	Sheila Kaye-Smith
SP34S—Selwood of Sleepy Cat	F. H. Spearman
T272W—Wolf	Albert P. Terhune
T545S—Spindrift	Harold Titus
W152H—Hairy Arm	Edgar Wallace
W462FA—Face Cards	Carolyn Wells
W464W—War in the Air	H. G. Wells
W526B—Beauty Prize	George Weston
W554MO—Mother's Recompense	Edith Wharton

W585GL—Glory Hole — Stewart E. White
W6728T—Three of Clubs — V. Williams
W683R—Rocking Moon — Barrett Willoughby
W925B—Beau Geste — P. C. Wren
Y87S—Seibert of the Island — Gordon Young

Juvenile Fiction

jB234BA—Bases Full — Ralph H. Barbour
jB586M—Mysterious Tutor — Gladys Blake
jB792R—Rosalie Dare's Test — Amy Brooks
jD291M—Miss Polly Wiggles — Edna C. Davis
jF953A—All for Andover — Claude M. Fuess
jG763W—Wind in the Willows — K. Grahame
jJ644Q—Quilt that Jack Built — A. F. Johnston
jL6476S—Silverfoot — Maud Lindsay
jM955P—Patricia from New York — M. Murphy
jP242T—Treasure of Shady Vale — C. W. Parmenter
jP833MA—Mary Marie — Eleanor H. Porter
jP975W—Wide-Open-Eye — Nina Purdy
jR344A—Adventures of Joan — Nina Rhoades
jR344H—How Barbara Kept Her Promise — Nina Rhoades
jR344O—Only Dollie — Nina Rhoades
jR344PR—Priscilla of the Doll Shop — Nina Rhoades
jR344WI—Winifred's Neighbors — Nina Rhoades
jSA25P—Paul and Virginia — B. De Saint-Pierre
jT387R—Real Princess — E. G. Thomson
jT594SB—Scouting on the Mohawk — E. T. Tomlinson
jW589S—Story of Opal — Opal Whiteley

Miscellaneous

B-G655—My Education and Religion — George A. Gordon, D. D.
173-C65—What Ails Our Youth — George A. Coe

174-F47—Way Out Edward A. Filene
213-K29—Evolution Vernon Kellogg
270-H87—Renaissance—Protestant Revolution and Catholic Reformation in Continental Europe Edward M. Hulme
332-L52—Making of a Stockbroker Edwin Lefevre
342-Y8—New American Government and Its Work James T. Young
372-B81—Teaching of Arithmetic J. C. Brown and L. D. Coffman
372-C93—Children's Literature C. M. Curry and E. E. Clippenger
372-K66—Teaching of Arithmetic P. Klapper, Ph. D.
372-K66T—Teaching English in Elementary and Junior High Schools P. Klapper, Ph. D.
372-L55—Essential Principles of Teaching Reading and Literature S. A. Leonard
372-M27—Standards in English J. J. Mahoney
372-OV2—Principles and Methods of Teaching Arithmetic J. R. Overman
372-P38—How to Teach Reading M. E. Pennell and A. M. Cusack
372-SA3—Elements of Geography R. D. Salisbury, H. H. Barrows, W. S. Tower
372-SH5—Speaking and Writing English B. M. Sheridan
372-ST7—Silent and Oral Reading C. R. Stone
372-Y8—Methods in Elementary English N. J. Young and F. W. Memmott
398-T16—When Knights Were Bold E. M. Tappan
540-P53—Romance of Modern Chemistry J. C. Philip
614.8-OH3—Smoke-eaters H. J. O'Higgins
658-K55—How to Choose and Get a Better Job E. J. Kilduff
689-SM5—How to Make Hand-made Flowers Ada J. Smith
770-G35—Romance of Modern Photography C. R. Gibson
808-C54—When You Write a Letter T. A. Clark

811-J62—Book of American Negro Poetry
Edited by J. W. Johnson
916-P87B—Beyond the Utmost Purple Rim E. A. Powell
917.3-M91—Adventures of a Scholar Tramp G. H. Mullin
918.8-B39—Jungle Peace W. Beebe
920-B72—Damaged Souls Gamaliel Bradford
920-F74—Men Who Are Making America B. C. Forbes
940-EM3—Mediaeval Europe E. Emerton
940-SE4—History of Mediaeval and of Modern Civilization Charles Seignobos
978-R67—Stories of the Great West Theodore Roosevelt

REPORT OF THE CARTER LECTURE COMMITTEE FOR 1925

During the fall of 1925 that Committee has presented two lectures to the citizens of Wilmington.

On November 19, Mr. Henry Warren Poor lectured on "The Wonders of the Great Southwest" to a small but appreciative audience.

On December 14, Mr. Fred W. Glasier gave an illustrated lecture on "A Day with the Circus," which was enjoyed by a good-sized audience.

The Committee has two other entertainments in mind for the latter part of the winter season, but as yet plans have not been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD F. FRAZEE, *Chairman,*
ARTHUR F. BLAKE, *Treasurer,*
JOHN W. HATHAWAY, *Secretary,*
FRANK ROMAN,
ARTHUR W. GIROUX.

TREASURER'S REPORT SARAH D. J. CARTER LECTURE COMMITTEE

Receipts.

1925		
Jan. 1	Balance on hand	$75.35
Jan. 16	From Frank L. Eames, Treas., Interest	100.00
Dec. 28	From Frank L. Eames, Treas., Income	240.00
		$415.35

Expenditures.

1925			
Jan. 8	White Entertainment Bureau	$36.12	
May 28	Wilmington High School Alpha "Ad"	4.50	
Feb. 18	Grange Hall Corp., rent	40.00	
Nov. 9	Wilmington High School Alpha "Ad"	2.25	
Dec. 7	H. B. Williams	50.00	
Dec. 2	Alice M. Young, Posters	5.00	
Dec. 21	H. B. Williams, Expenses H. W. Poor	3.00	
Dec. 29	Fred W. Glasier	78.00	
			218.87
Jan. 1, 1926	Balance on hand		$196.48

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH D. J. CARTER LECTURE COMMITTEE,
A. F. BLAKE, *Treasurer.*

			Amount	Accumulated Interest	Withdrawn	Balance on Deposit
Library Funds:						
Burnap	Andover	No. 8512	$200.00	$91.53		$291.53
Benjamin Buck	Andover	No. 18341	500.00	84.06		584.06
Charlotte C. Smith	Mechanics	No. 4215	500.00	160.87		660.87
Sabra Carter Common Fund	Andover	No. 18349	200.00	116.48	6.00	310.48
Cemetery Funds:						
Isaac Cazneau	Andover	No. 18985	100.00	56.59	5.25	151.34
Susan Carlton	Andover	No. 18345	75.00	20.05	4.25	90.80
Geo. W. and Minnie A. Sidelinker	Andover	No. 22450	200.00	82.65	13.00	269.65
Sabra Carter (Jaques Lot)	Andover	No. 18347	200.00	85.31	6.25	279.06
William H. Carter	Andover	No. 24631	100.00	26.61	6.25	120.36
Dolly Harnden	Andover	No. 18342	100.00	21.64	6.25	115.39
Thomas P. Eames	Andover	No. 18346	100.00	21.48	7.00	114.48
Sabra Carter	Andover	No. 18348	100.00	47.97	5.25	142.72
Rich. Carter	Andover	No. 22451	100.00	19.02	6.25	112.77
James Frazer	Andover	No. 18343	200.00	77.40	10.00	267.40
Martha Temple	Andover	No. 18344	100.00	72.30	6.25	166.05
S. D. J. Carter	Andover	No. 22579	200.00	93.01	5.25	287.76
Charlotte C. Smith	Mechanics	No. 4214	50.00	4.95	3.00	51.95
Chas. H. Hopkins	Blackstone	No. 4248	200.00	49.35	5.25	244.10
Abner C. Childs	Woburn	No. 33384	100.00	30.76	5.25	125.51
Gilman C. Harnden	Woburn	No. 32614	100.00	21.29	10.00	111.29
Laura Parker	Woburn	No. 32615	50.00	8.85	4.25	54.60
Sarah G. Sheldon	Woburn	No. 33814	200.00	48.36	6.25	242.11
Rufus C. Eames	Blackstone	No. 4642	100.00	18.95	4.00	114.95
John Sheldon Sargent	Blackstone	No. 4859	100.00	17.47	5.25	112.22
Isabelle Holt	Blackstone	No. 5169	75.00	11.69	5.25	81.44
Henry Blanchard	Blackstone	No. 5604	50.00	1.03		51.03

Nathan B. Eames	Mechanics	No. 6899	100.00	18.17	5.25	112.92
Thomas Day	Andover	No. 31514	100.00	20.97	6.25	114.72
Lorenzo Meads	Mechanics	No. 7176	100.00	16.74	6.25	110.49
Almira J. Carley	Andover	No. 32237	100.00	15.37	5.25	110.12
George E. Swain	Blackstone	No. 7304	100.00	16.33	5.25	111.08
Josiah Monroe (Care Elbridge Carter and Walter H. Blanchard Lots)	Mechanics	No. 7559	100.00	10.00	7.25	102.75
Jacob H. Shedd	Blackstone	No. 7701	100.00	9.81	6.25	103.56
George T. Eames	Blackstone	No. 7746	200.00	26.61	6.25	220.36
Jonathan Eames, 2nd	Andover	No. 35188	100.00	9.26	4.00	105.26
Newman Parker, Jr.	Blackstone	No. 8259	100.00	13.39		113.39
Irwin E. Morse	Mechanics	No. 8531	100.00	8.89	4.00	104.89
Sylvester and Lois R. Carter	Mechanics	No. 8990	100.00	2.63		102.63
			$5,300.00	$1,457.84	$191.75	$6,566.09

S. D. J. Carter Lecture Fund:

Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. 4% Col. Bonds Nos. 17546, 19667, 3986, 3991, 3992, 3993	$5,541.50
Blackstone Savings Bank Book No. 1,879	578.50
	$6,120.00
Bond interest, 1925	240.00
Bank interest accumulated	79.91
	$6,439.91
Paid Frank L. Eames, Treasurer	240.00
	$6,199.91

C. S. HARRIMAN,
EDWARD N. EAMES,
PHILIP B. BUZZELL,
Trustees.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY

1925

Assessors' Valuation 1925

Real Estate	$2,924,544.00
Personal Estate	387,227.00
Amount of tax assessed including overlay	112,944.58
State tax assessed	5,400.00
State Highway tax assessed	794.60
Fire Prevention tax assessed	32.49
Moth Tax (State) assessed	1,744.69
County Tax assessed	4,113.10
Town Tax assessed	100,202.11
Moth Tax (Town)	676.82
Number of Polls assessed	1,000.00
Rate of Taxation per $1000	33.50

Schedule of Town Property

Schoolhouses and lots	$62,500.00
Town Farm	4,500.00
Town Hall, lot and fire alarm equipment	3,500.00
Cemetery land and lots	2,000.00
Public Library Building and lot	1,000.00
Contents of Public Library	2,800.00
Storehouse and lot	100.00
Highway tools and machinery	1,600.00
Cemetery tool house and tools	100.00

Furniture in Town Hall	350.00
Eight safes	1,500.00
Engine house, Lockup and lot	3,000.00
Hose, ladders, shovels, cans, etc.	1,500.00
Three motor fire trucks	6,000.00
Police equipment	200.00
Land account of Tax Sales	15,279.00
Moth building and lot	600.00
Sprayers and fixtures	2,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measurers' outfit	275.00
Common and flag staff	2,000.00
	$110,804.00

JAMES E. KELLEY,
J. HOWARD EAMES,
ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE,
Assessors of Wilmington.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Account of 1924 Tax

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1925		$39,146.17
Additional		8.00
		$39,154.17
Taxes Collected	$38,791.21	
Taxes Abated	362.96	$39,154.17
Interest Collected		$1,790.73

Account of 1925 Tax

Commitment	$113,622.33	
Additional	10.05	
		$113,632.38
Taxes Collected	$59,084.71	
Taxes Abated	129.83	
		59,214.54
Uncollected, Jan. 1, 1926		$54,417.84
Interest Collected		101.67

GEORGE W. BUCK,
Collector of Taxes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts.

Cash in Treasury	$36,016.10
Cash received account of:	
Income Taxes	10,461.19
Corporation Taxes	732.78
National Bank Tax	8.39
Street Railway Tax	467.61
Military Aid	67.50
State Aid	272.00
Soldiers' Exemptions	70.58
Reimbursement for loss of taxes on land used for public institutions	5.70
Civilian War Tax	372.00
Superintendent of Schools	1,160.02
Income Mass. School Fund	3,581.88
Temporary Aid	884.24
Aid to Industrial Schools	410.47
Tuition of Children	962.23
Dog Licenses	711.71
Licenses	582.00
Cemetery Lots	447.00
Deeds of Release	1,261.75
Telephone Tolls	18.55
Schools	55.81
Moths	63.13
S. D. J. Carter Lecture Fund	240.00
Care of Cemetery Lots	100.00
Rent	65.00
Forest Fires	.50
Building Inspection	103.50
Sealer's Fees	37.83

Poor	813.00
Highways	7,758.99
Interest on deposits	445.25
Court Fines	376.00
Library	76.83
Hearse House	25.00
Cemetery	6.00
Health	20.00
Loans Anticipation of Revenue	98,500.00
Taxes of 1924	38,791.21
Interest on taxes of 1924	1,790.73
Taxes of 1925	59,084.71
Interest on Taxes of 1925	101.67
Income from Trust Funds	191.75
	$267,140.61

Payments

Cash paid account of:	
Selectmen's Orders	$115,312.56
State Tax	5,400.00
County Tax	4,113.10
Fire Prevention	32.49
Repairs State Highways	794.60
Suppression of Moths	1,744.69
Corporation Tax	7.52
Interest	4,742.62
High School Bonds	1,750.00
Town's Notes	99,500.00
Cash in Treasury	33,743.03
	$267,140.61

FRANK L. EAMES,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FOR THE

Financial Year ending December 31, 1925

SHOWING

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT
AND BALANCE SHEET

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Following is my account for the financial year ending December 31, 1925, showing appropriations, receipts, payments, statement of Town Debt and Balance Sheet after closing of books.

You will note the overdrafts of Police and Fire Departments, Forest Fires, Health, Poor and Soldiers' Relief, also Highway and School unpaid bills, for which appropriations should be made at the Annual Town Meeting.

The books of the Assessors, Tax Collector, S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee, Trustees of Trust Funds and Town Clerk's Dog Tax Records have been examined and found in order.

The books and vouchers of the Treasurer have been examined, and the cash balance, as stated in his report, $33,743.03, is correct.

Respectfully,

HARRY R. DEMING,
Town Accountant.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$850.00
Salaries	$675.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	48.88	
Perambulating Town lines	20.00	
Stenographer	25.00	
Auto hire	3.00	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
	$773.88	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	76.12	
	$850.00	$850.00

Town Accountant

Appropriation		$650.00
Payments		
Salary	$600.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	36.51	
	$636.51	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	13.49	
	$650.00	$650.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$575.00
Payments		
Salary	$400.00	
Premium on bond	100.00	
Printing, postage and stationery	50.00	
	$550.00	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	25.00	
	$575.00	$575.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$1,700.00
Payments		
Salary	$1,500.00	
Premium on bond	30.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	138.23	
	$1,668.23	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	31.77	
	$1,700.00	$1,700.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$100.00
Payments		
Postage, printing and stationery	$64.95	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	35.05	
	$100.00	$100.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$220.00
Payments		
Salary	$200.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	18.40	
	$218.40	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	1.60	
	$220.00	$220.00

Assessors

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		200.00
Payments		
Salaries	$1,577.00	
Transportation	38.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	95.66	
	$1,710.66	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	89.34	
	$1,800.00	$1,800.00

Printing Valuation Books

Appropriation		$800.00
Payments		
Copying valuation book	$161.00	
Balance	639.00	
	$800.00	$800.00
Balance to 1926		$639.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation	$300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	203.50

Payments

Election			
Salaries	$252.00		
Labor on voting booths	10.25		
Postage, printing and stationery	35.75		
		$298.00	
Registration			
Salaries	$125.00		
Printing	4.50	129.50	
		$427.50	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account		76.00	
		$503.50	$503.50

Town Hall

Appropriation	$450.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	100.00

Payments

Salary, janitor	$110.00
Telephone	39.78
Fuel	63.00
Light	94.94
Repairs and supplies	50.93
Insurance	58.44

New office equipment	87.43	
Miscellaneous	18.85	
	$523.37	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	26.63	
	$550.00	$550.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Appropriation	$3,000.00
Overdraft, carried to 1926	1,945.36

Payments

Salaries and wages	$3,762.65	
Auto hire	182.25	
Telephone	81.70	
Premium on bond	5.00	
Hire of outside lock-up	20.00	
Traffic signs	120.02	
Handcuffs and badges	20.83	
Light—traffic signs	42.11	
Liquor raids	600.00	
Legal services	50.00	
Medical services	27.00	
Repairs	25.80	
Miscellaneous	8.00	
	$4,945.36	$4,945.36
Overdraft, to 1926	$1,945.36	

Police Department (1924 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$261.62
Overdraft from 1924	$261.62	

Constable

Appropriation	$50.00

Payments

Salary	$50.00

Fire Department

Appropriation	$2,800.00
Overdraft, carried to 1926	151.14

Payments

Salaries and wages	$1,199.65	
Repairs and supplies	772.15	
Fuel	167.00	
Light	31.97	
Power	121.02	
Telephone	23.94	
Uniforms, boots and badges	25.10	
Alarm repairs and maintenance	110.93	
Gasoline	131.70	
Rent	45.00	
New Equipment	309.55	
Miscellaneous	13.13	
	$2,951.14	$2,951.14
Overdraft, to 1926	$151.14	

Inspection of Building

Appropriation		$500.00
Payments		
Salary, inspector	$400.00	
Telephone	38.22	
Printing	46.50	
	$484.72	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	15.28	
	$500.00	$500.00

Sealing of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$250.00
Payments		
Salary, sealer	$150.00	
Transportation	25.00	
Dies, seals, etc.	17.86	
Insurance on sealer's equipment	53.12	
	$245.98	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	4.02	
	$250.00	$250.00

Suppression of Moths

Appropriation	$1,700.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	100.56

Payments

Salaries and wages	$1,167.90	
Team and truck hire	363.50	
Repairs and supplies	71.21	
Premium, liability insurance	138.87	
Telephone	49.08	
Postage, printing and stationery	10.00	
	$1,800.56	$1,800.56

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$716.78	
Truck hire	159.25	
Repairs and supplies	81.80	
Tools	8.00	
Trees	32.50	
	$998.33	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	1.67	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Forest Fires

Appropriation		$600.00
Overdraft, carried to 1926		413.95

Payments

Wages, fire duty	$859.95	
Fire extinguishers	114.00	
Pumps and cans	40.00	
	$1,013.95	$1,013.95
Overdraft, to 1926	$413.95	

Forest Fires (1924 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$156.05
Overdraft from 1924	$156.05	

Health and Sanitation

Appropriation		$700.00
Overdraft, carried to 1926		206.50

Payments

Salary, inspector of meats and provisions	$168.00	
Salary, inspector of animals	150.00	
Vital statistics, fees for return of births, deaths and marriages	137.75	
Salary, Agent Board of Health	25.00	
Survey	3.00	
Printing	2.00	
Removing garbage	90.00	
Hospital care, contagious diseases	330.75	
	$906.50	$906.50
Overdraft, to 1926	$206.50	

Health and Sanitation (1924 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$60.50
Overdraft from 1924	$60.50	

Public Health Nurse

Appropriation		$1,000.00

Payments

Salary, district nurse	$1,000.00	

HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND BRIDGES

(Town Account—Repairs and Construction)

Appropriation			$5,500.00
	Payments		
Salaries and wages		$1,414.47	
Team and truck hire		695.11	
Removing Snow:			
Wages	$313.56		
Team and truck hire	299.56		
Repairs	25.50		
		638.62	
Repairs and supplies		280.34	
Gravel		20.00	
Liability insurance		420.72	
Truck repairs and maintenance		225.97	
Rent		80.00	
Stone crusher repairs and maintenance		221.08	
Coal		65.91	
Tarvia		102.38	
Cement mixer (tar)		270.00	
Curbing		415.65	
Signs		75.83	
Town pumps		16.50	
		$4,942.58	
Appropriation for loader carried to 1926		500.00	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency		57.42	
		$5,500.00	$5,500.00
Balance to 1926			$500.00

Unpaid Bills

Boston & Maine R. R., water	$71.00
Carter & Buck, gasoline, oil and repairs	95.41
No. Woburn Mch. Co., repairs	79.00
General Crushed Stone Co., crushed stone	742.97
	$988.38

Special Highway Appropriation

(Account 1924 Bills)

Appropriation	$393.05

Payments

Coal	$28.02	
Truck repairs and maintenance	86.97	
Crushed stone	90.65	
Repairs and supplies	48.16	
Tarvia	45.86	
Liability insurance	9.39	
Bound posts	84.00	
	$393.05	$393.05

Town and State Account (Chap. 81 G. L.)

Appropriation	$7,525.00
From State	$3,225.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$3,793.59	
Team and truck hire	2,724.42	
Repairs and supplies	166.18	
Coal and water	72.45	
Gravel	145.80	
Road Oil	2,582.16	
Tarvia	251.09	
Truck repairs and maintenance	339.93	
Steam roller	265.00	
Culverts	400.18	
Miscellaneous	3.15	
	$10,743.95	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency	6.05	
	$10,750.00	$10,750.00

Salem Street (Construction)

Appropriation	$2,000.00
From State	2,000.00
From County	2,000.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$2,687.19
Team and truck hire	1,935.72
Repairs	28.76
Gravel	57.60
Truck repairs and maintenance	262.09
Oil binder	471.25

Stone crusher repairs and maintenance	286.13	
Crushed stone	209.28	
	$5,938.02	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency	61.98	
	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

Salem and Lowell Streets (Specific Repairs)

Appropriation	$500.00
From State	491.99
From County	492.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$226.63	
Team and truck hire	252.00	
Gravel	25.00	
Tarvia	370.18	
Coal	82.61	
Road oil and binder	518.57	
	$1,474.99	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency	9.00	
	$1,483.99	$1,483.99

Main Street Sidewalk

Appropriation		$500.00
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$348.50	
Team and truck hire	110.24	
Lumber and cement	39.15	
	$497.89	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency	2.11	
	$500.00	$500.00

Forest Street Repairs

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$584.33	
Team and truck hire	354.38	
Gravel	52.00	
Blasting	7.58	
	$998.29	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency	1.71	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Electric Street Lights

Appropriation		$7,605.00

Payments

496 lights, 2 months		
497 lights, 1 month		
499 lights, 1 month		
506 lights, 8 months		
@ $15.00 per light, per year	$7,544.30	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	60.70	
	$7,605.00	$7,605.00

CHARITIES

Poor

Appropriation		$3,500.00
Overdraft, carried to 1926		1,440.21

Payments

Board	$1,307.71	
Cash	1,470.00	
Fuel	139.00	
Rent	337.00	
Groceries and provisions	668.59	
Clothing	2.75	
Hospital board and care	874.71	
Transportation	48.80	
Medical aid	31.65	
Burial	60.00	
	$4,940.21	$4,940.21

Poor (1924 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$1,694.09
Overdraft from 1924	$1,694.09	

Mothers' Aid

Appropriation		$500.00
Payments		
Cash	$216.00	
Fuel	5.33	
	$221.33	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	278.67	
	$500.00	$500.00

Mothers' Aid (1924 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$506.76
Overdraft from 1924	$506.76	

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid

Appropriation		$350.00
Payments		
Paid as per State returns	$244.00	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	106.00	
	$350.00	$350.00

Military Aid

Appropriation	$150.00

No Payments

Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	$150.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation	$200.00
Overdraft, carried to 1926	348.24

Payments

Cash	$414.00	
Rent	80.00	
Groceries	54.24	
	$548.24	$548.24
Overdraft to 1926	$348.24	

EDUCATION

Schools

Appropriation	$44,000.00

Payments

Superintendent's salary	$1,740.00	
School physician's salary	25.00	
School nurse's salary	620.00	
Superintendent's traveling expenses	416.18	
Telephones	70.15	
Teachers' salaries	26,031.50	
Transportation, pupils	2,929.50	
Janitors' salaries	2,958.00	
Fuel	2,749.20	
Light	114.09	
Books and supplies	2,143.06	
Insurance	788.10	
Water	65.50	
Repairs and maintenance	2,725.50	
New equipment	518.24	
Miscellaneous	90.46	
	$43,984.48	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	15.52	
	$44,000.00	$44,000.00

Special School Appropriation

(Account 1924 Bills)

Appropriation	$1,114.23

Payments

Salary School physician	$25.00	
Transportation, pupils	837.00	
Vocational training	193.38	
Repairs	58.85	
	$1,114.23	$1,114.23

Schools—Special Repairs

Balance from 1924		$654.23

Payments

Repairs to High School	$338.30	
Walker School	53.24	
Whitefield School	1.60	
West School	200.00	
South School	53.10	
	$646.24	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	7.99	
	$654.23	$654.23

Vocational Training

Appropriation		$1,000.00

Payments

Tuition, Lowell Vocational School	$470.30	
Tuition, Boston Continuation School	23.92	
	$494.22	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	505.78	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Unpaid Bills

E. E. Babb & Co., supplies and furniture	$265.12
Eastern Mass. St. Ry. Co., transportation	1,255.50
Walter L. Hale, fuel	144.75
The MacMillan Co., books	8.39
S. R. McIntosh, supplies	80.65
Atlantic Clock Co., repairs	49.10
C. F. Goodson, plumbing	26.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones	5.16
	$1,835.17

Public Library

Appropriation	$750.00

Payments

Salary, Librarian	$250.00	
Janitor	20.00	
Books and magazines	211.68	
Binding	67.97	
Fuel	30.00	
Light	9.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	36.82	
Desk and fittings	80.00	
Cataloging	23.25	
Cleaning	8.00	
Labor on grounds	3.00	
	$739.72	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	10.28	
	$750.00	$750.00

Harold Rogers, Regan and Nee Parks

Appropriation	$75.00

Payments

Care of parks	$75.00

Aid to Middlesex County Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics

Appropriation	$200.00

Payments

For demonstration work in agriculture and home economics	$200.00

Unclassified

Appropriation	$1,250.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	360.44

Payments

Printing Town Reports	$514.09
Delivering Town Reports	30.00
Certifying Town Notes	10.00
Care Town Clock	45.00
Care Town Flag	4.50
Rent Grange Hall	10.00
Printing and stationery	155.60
Settlement of claims, injuries to persons	440.00
License plates and badges	7.05
Legal services	125.00
Advertising	1.25
Rent safe deposit box	10.00
Taking census	125.00

Water carboys	5.00	
Trucking water	60.30	
	$1,542.79	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	67.65	
	$1,610.44	$1,610.44

Water Supply

Balance from 1924		$3,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		1,000.00
Payments		
Driving, testing and pumping	$3,621.07	
Unexpended balance, carried to 1926	378.93	
	$4,000.00	$4,000.00
Balance		$378.93

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$400.00
Payments		
Music	$127.00	
Printing and postage	6.65	
Flowers	37.50	
Refreshments	162.50	
Flags	10.00	
Auto hire	25.00	
Memorial address	25.00	
	$393.65	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	6.35	
	$400.00	$400.00

Cemetery

Appropriation		$1,200.00
Payments		
Labor	$1,110.74	
Tools and supplies	48.16	
Repairs	2.50	
Plants and shrubs	10.40	
Fertilizer	5.00	
Plans	6.00	
Printing and stationery	13.15	
	$1,195.95	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	4.05	
	$1,200.00	$1,200.00

Cemetery—New Section

Appropriation		$500.00
Payments		
Labor	$60.75	
Team hire	238.50	
Seed	50.72	
Fertilizer	73.00	
Survey and plans	75.00	
	$497.97	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	2.03	
	$500.00	$500.00

Grading Soldiers' New Lot

Balance from 1924		$100.00

No Payments

Balance	$100.00	
Balance to 1926		$100.00

Trust Funds

Received from Trustees, income S. D. J. Carter Free Lecture Fund	$240.00
Received perpetual care fund cemetery lot Sylvester and Lois R. Carter	100.00
Received from Trustees, income account Common and Cemetery Funds	191.75

Payments

Trustees, perpetual care fund cemetery lot Sylvester and Lois R. Carter	$100.00	
S. D. J. Carter Free Lecture Committee income	240.00	
Mowing Common	6.00	
Account Cemetery lots:		
Isaac Cazneau	5.25	
Susan Carlton	4.25	
Geo. W. and Minnie A. Sidelinker	13.00	
Sabra Carter (Jaques lot)	6.25	
William H. Carter	6.25	
Dolly Harnden	6.25	
Thomas P. Eames	7.00	
Sabra Carter	5.25	
Rich Carter	6.25	
James Frazer	10.00	
Martha Temple	6.25	
S. D. J. Carter	5.25	

Charlotte C. Smith	3.00	
Chas. H. Hopkins	5.25	
Abner C. Childs	5.25	
Gilman C. Harnden	10.00	
Laura Parker	4.25	
Sarah G. Sheldon	6.25	
Rufus C. Eames	4.00	
John Sheldon Sargent	5.25	
Isabelle Holt	5.25	
Nathan B. Eames	5.25	
Thomas Day	6.25	
Lorenzo Meads	6.25	
Almira J. Carley	5.25	
George E. Swain	5.25	
Josiah Monroe (Care Elbridge Carter and Walter H. Blanchard Lots)	7.25	
Jacob H. Shedd	6.25	
George T. Eames	6.25	
Jonathan Eames, 2nd	4.00	
Irwin E. Morse	4.00	
	$531.75	$531.75

Interest

Appropriation		$5,787.50
Payments		
On Temporary loans	$3,812.62	
On Highway loan	142.50	
On High School House Bonds	787.50	
	$4,742.62	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	1,044.88	
	$5,787.50	$5,787.50

Interest (1924 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$1,219.35
Balance from 1924	$1,219.35	

Town Indebtedness

Appropriation		$2,750.00
Payments		
High School House Bonds Nos. 21 and 22	$1,750.00	
Highway Note No. 31	1,000.00	
	$2,750.00	$2,750.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Transferred to:		
Assessors	$200.00	
Town Hall	100.00	
Election and Registration	203.50	
Moth Account	100.56	
Water Supply	1,000.00	
Unclassified	360.44	
	$1,964.50	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	35.50	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Deficiency in 1924 Revenue

Appropriation		$5,152.56
Balance from 1924	$5,152.56	

Civilian War Poll Taxes (1923)

Appropriation		$2,595.00
Balance from 1924	$2,595.00	

Abatement 1924 Taxes

Balance from 1924		$1,342.95
1924 Taxes abated	$362.96	
Balance to overlay Reserve	979.99	
	$1,342.95	$1,342.95

Abatement 1925 Taxes

Overlay		$657.59
1925 Taxes refunded	$14.74	
1925 Taxes abated	129.83	
Balance to 1926	513.02	
	$657.59	$657.59
Balance		$513.02

Overlay Reserve Account

Balance from 1924		$369.24
Balance abatement 1924 Taxes, transferred		979.99
Balance to 1926	$1,349.23	
	$1,349.23	$1,349.23
Balance		$1,349.23

Property Tax Sale Account

Dr.

Balance from 1924	$3,964.38
Taxes and expenses on property taken by Town	720.92
	$4,685.30

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Received from redeemed taxes	$1,261.75
Balance to 1926	3,423.55
	$4,685.30
Balance, Dr. to 1926	$3,423.55

Estimated Receipts

Dr.

Estimated:	
Income Tax	$9,156.19
Corporation Tax	716.65
Bank Tax	13.85
Licenses	572.50
Fines	495.50
Moth work—private	698.28
Police	75.50
Building inspection	152.00
Sealing of Weights and Measures	35.68
Forest fires	40.30
Health	4.50
Highways	158.00
Charities	2,130.35
Soldiers' exemptions	56.68
Military Aid	147.50
State Aid	262.00
Schools	3,187.59

Library		73.83
Interest on deposits		471.33
Interest on taxes		1,634.18
Street Railway tax		377.63
Reimbursement, loss of taxes		4.56
Cemetery		224.00
		$20,688.60
Refund of license fee	$5.00	
State, Corp. tax	7.52	
		12.52
		$20,701.12
Balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account		5,115.99
		$25,817.11

Estimated Receipts

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Amounts Actually Received:		
Income Tax, 1925		$9,156.19
Income Tax, 1925, additional		990.00
Income Tax, 1924		180.00
Income Tax, 1923		112.50
Income Tax, 1922		22.50
Corporation Tax, P. S., 1925		265.46
Corporation Tax, Bus, 1925		440.64
Corporation Tax, 1923		26.68
National Bank Tax		8.39
Licenses		582.00
Fines		376.00
Moth Account:		
Private work	$676.82	
State, Highways	63.13	
Telephone tolls	3.55	
		743.50

Building Inspection:		
Permits	$104.00	
Telephone tolls	15.00	
		119.00
Sealing Weights and Measures, fees		37.83
Health: Garbage removal		20.00
Charities:		
Outside board	$208.00	
Outside relief	498.00	
Temporary Aid—State	884.24	
Hospital board and care	107.00	
Rent, Town Farm land	50.00	
		1,747.24
Soldiers' exemptions		70.58
Military Aid		67.50
State Aid		272.00
Schools:		
State, account Supt.	$1,160.02	
Tuition, State Wards	631.63	
Tuition, other Towns	330.60	
Vocational training	410.47	
Dog licenses	711.71	
State, School fund	3,581.88	
Rent, High School Hall	15.00	
		6,841.31
Library: Fines, etc.		76.83
Interest on deposits		445.25
Interest on taxes		1,892.40
Street Railway Tax		467.61
Reimbursement, loss of taxes		5.70
Civilian War Poll Tax, State		372.00
Cemetery:		
Sale lots and graves	$447.00	
Lawn mower	6.00	
		453.00
Unclassified: Sale Hearse House		25.00
		$25,817.11

Excess and Deficiency Account

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Balance from 1924		$4,026.48
State of Mass. (1923) transferred		17.72
Unexpended Balances:		
Selectmen	$76.12	
Town Accountant	13.49	
Treasurer	25.00	
Tax Collector	31.77	
Finance Committee	35.05	
Town Clerk	1.60	
Assessors	89.34	
Election and Registration	76.00	
Town Hall	26.63	
Inspection of Building	15.28	
Sealing of Weights and Measures	4.02	
Tree Warden	1.67	
Highways—Town Account	57.42	
Highways—Chap. 81	6.05	
Salem Street	61.98	
Salem and Lowell Streets	9.00	
Main Street Sidewalk	2.11	
Forest Street Repairs	1.71	
Electric Street Lights	60.70	
Mothers' Aid	278.67	
State Aid	106.00	
Military Aid	150.00	
Schools	15.52	
Schools—Special Repairs	7.99	
Vocational training	505.78	
Public Library	10.28	
Unclassified	67.65	
Memorial Day	6.35	
Cemetery	4.05	
Cemetery—New Section	2.03	
Interest	1,044.88	

Reserve Fund	35.50	
Estimated Receipts	5,115.99	
		7,945.63
		$11,989.83

Dr.

Balance	$11,989.83
Credit Balance to 1926	$11,989.83

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Dr.

Appropriations (for Town purposes)	$121,240.71

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Estimated Receipts	$20,688.60
Committed to Collector	100,203.04
Additional Taxes, 1924	8.00
Additional Taxes, 1925	10.05
Balance to 1926	331.02
	$121,240.71
Dr. Balance	$331.02

State of Massachusetts (Year 1923)

Cr.

Balance from 1924	$17.72

Dr.

Balance carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	$17.72

State of Massachusetts (Year 1924)

Dr.

Balance from 1924	$75.00

Cr.

Received from State	$75.00

State of Massachusetts (Year 1925)

Dr.

Allotment, account Chap. 81—Highways	$3,225.00
Allotment, account Chap. 90—Salem St.	2,000.00
Allotment, account Salem and Lowell Sts.	491.99
	$5,716.99

Cr.

Received from State	$5,191.99
Balance due	525.00
	$5,716.99
Balance to 1926	$525.00

Recapitulation of 1925 Taxes

Town appropriations	$120,890.71
State Tax	5,400.00
State Highway Tax	794.60
State Moth Tax	1,744.69
Fire Prevention Tax	32.49
County Tax	4,113.10
Overlay	657.59
	$133,633.18
Less Estimated Receipts (for details see Estimated Receipts Account)	20,688.60
Amount to be raised by taxation	$112,944.58

Property Tax	$110,944.58
Poll taxes 1000 @ $2.00	2,000.00
Special forestry tax	.93
Private moth work	676.82
Total Commitment	$113,622.33

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT

(Temporary Loans

(Anticipation of Taxes)

Outstanding January 1, 1925:		
Note No. 35	$30,000.00	
Note No. 36	25,000.00	
Note No. 37	25,000.00	
		$80,000.00
Borrowed during 1925:		
Note No. 39	$30,000.00	
Note No. 40	25,000.00	
Note No. 42	25,000.00	
Note No. 43	10,000.00	
Note No. 44	8,500.00	
		98,500.00
		$178,500.00
Paid during 1925:		
Note No. 35	$30,000.00	
Note No. 36	25,000.00	
Note No. 37	25,000.00	
Note No. 44	8,500.00	
Note No. 43	10,000.00	
		98,500.00
Outstanding December 31, 1925		$80,000.00

Highway Loans

(Main Street Construction Loan, 1923)

Outstanding January 1, 1925:		
Note No. 31	$1,000.00	
Note No. 32	1,000.00	
Note No. 33	1,000.00	
		$3,000.00
Paid during 1925, Note No. 31		1,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1925		$2,000.00

High School House Bonds

(Issue of 1914)

Outstanding January 1, 1925	$17,500.00
Paid during 1925	1,750.00
Outstanding December 31, 1925	$15,750.00

Summary

Temporary Loans (anticipation of taxes)	$80,000.00
Highway Loans (Main St. construction)	2,000.00
High School House Bonds	15,750.00
Total Indebtedness, December 31, 1925	$97,750.00

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1925

Dr.

Cash in Treasury		$33,743.03
George W. Buck, Collector, 1925:		
Taxes uncollected		54,417.84
Departmental Overdrafts:		
Police Department	$1,945.36	
Fire Department	151.14	
Forest Fires	413.95	
Health and Sanitation	206.50	
Poor	1,440.21	
Soldiers' Relief	348.24	
		4,505.40
State of Massachusetts, due on account Highways		525.00
Property Tax Sale Account		3,423.55
Revenue Account		331.02
Balancing Account—High School Bonds		15,750.00
Balancing Account—Highway Notes		2,000.00
		$114,695.84

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1925

Cr.

Temporary Loans	$80,000.00
Highway Loans (Main St. Construction)	2,000.00
High School Bonds	15,750.00
Water Supply	378.93
Printing Valuation Books	639.00
Grading Soldiers' New Lot	100.00
Abatement 1925 Taxes	513.02
Overlay Reserve Account	1,349.23
Highways—(Loader appropriation)	500.00
Surplus War Bonus Funds	1,475.83
Excess and Deficiency Account	11,989.83
	$114,695.84

HARRY R. DEMING,
Town Accountant.

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

General Government:	
Selectmen, salaries and expenses	$ 900.00
Town Accountant, salary and expenses	650.00
Treasurer, salary and expenses	575.00
Collector, salary and expenses	1,700.00
Assessors, salaries and expenses	1,500.00
Town Clerk, salary and expenses	220.00
Finance Committee	100.00
Election and Registration, salaries and expenses	500.00
Town Hall, janitor, lights, fuel and repairs	500.00
Town Constable	50.00
Protection of Life and Property:	
Police Department	4,500.00
Fire Department	2,800.00
Suppression of Moths (compulsory $1,277.65, incidentals and private work)	825.00
Sealing of weights and measures	250.00
Building Inspection	500.00
Tree Warden	1,000.00
Forest Fires	600.00
Health and Sanitation, Board of Health, Agent's Salary, Quarantine Wages, Inspector of Animals, Inspector of Meats and Provisions, and Vital Statistics	800.00
Highways:	
Town Account (repairs, construction and snow removal)	17,250.00
Salem St. Construction, Chapter 90 ($2,000.00 each from State and County	2,000.00
Salem and Lowell Streets—Specific Repairs $500.00 each from State and County)	500.00

Electric Street Lights		8,120.00
Charities:		
Care of Poor		4,000.00
Mother's Aid		500.00
Soldier's Benefits:		
State Aid		350.00
Military Aid		500.00
Soldier's Relief		500.00
Schools, including salaries, books, supplies, repairs, fuel, furnishings, outside tuition, transportation, including estimated receipts of $5,700.00		50,000.00
Vocational Training		800.00
Harold Rogers Park, Regan Park, Nee Park		75.00
Unclassified		1,000.00
Memorial Day		400.00
Cemeteries		1,800.00
Library		800.00
Interest		5,000.00
Town Indebtedness:		
High School Bonds	$1,750.00	
Town Note	1,000.00	
		2,750.00
Reserve Fund		3,000.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Wilmington:

The Board of Health herewith submits its annual report. The number of contagious diseases reported to this Board in the past year is as follows:

Diphtheria	3
Measles	2
Scarlet Fever	1
Whooping Cough	3

In accordance with the vote at the last Annual Town Meeting $1,000.00 was expended for Public Health Service Work, under the directions and supervision of the Board of Health and its agent.

The work of the Public Health Nurse is as follows:

Nursing visits	1,171
Infant Welfare visits	164
Pre-natal visits	55
Tuberculosis visits	10
Child Welfare visits	68
Social Service visits	104
Attendance at Clinics	16
Other visits	91
Hospital visits	8
Total	1,687

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. GIROUX, *Chairman,*
FRANK W. DAYTON,
CHARLES F. PERRY,
D. T. BUZZELL, M.D., *Agent.*
Board of Health of Wilmington.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Together with the Report of the

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the year ending December 31, 1925

School Committee

PETER NEILSON	Term expires 1928
ALFRED S. ALLEN	Term expires 1928
HELEN H. BUCK	Term expires 1926
OLIVIA H. NORCROSS . . .	Term expires 1926
JOHN W. HATHAWAY . . .	Term expires 1927
HARRY W. DE LORIEA . . .	Term expires 1927

Superintendent of Schools

STEPHEN G. BEAN

School Physician

DANIEL T. BUZZELL, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1925

To the Citizens of Wilmington:

At the beginning of the year 1925, the School Department of the town of Wilmington received a grievous blow. Mrs. M. Leontine Buck, who for several years had been a teacher in our schools, passed into the other life. She had been a very public-spirited citizen, active in many lines of endeavor. Her loss was felt and mourned by many, and not the least by her associates in the schools.

During the past year, the School Committee has held regular monthly meetings, with an occasional extra or informal meeting.

Under the guidance of our Superintendent, Mr. Stephen G. Bean, the schools have been conducted in an efficient manner. The Committee feels that in him and in the teachers, and other school employees, the town has a working body of public servants remarkably well organized and adapted for the purposes of their employment. The Superintendent, in his report, will note changes in personnel in detail.

The Committee renewed, for a second year, its contract for the transportation of pupils with the Eastern Massa-

chusetts Street Railway Company. The service has been good, but the conditions since September last have not been as satisfactory as they were in the 1924-1925 school year. There has been a substantial increase in the number of pupils to be transported, requiring the use of a third bus, and involving an additional expense, for which provision must be made before next summer.

The high school has been improved by the laying of a suitable floor in the large basement room intended for gymnasium purposes. This work was done within the estimate, and a very good floor was obtained. It is to be hoped that in the near future the room can be made more useful by the installation of some apparatus for physical culture.

The school buildings are in fairly sound condition. The Centre School has become shabby, both inside and outside, and should receive consideration. The high school is now in good condition, but it could be improved by general interior decorating and renovation.

Last September saw an increase of 65 in the number of children attending school. This increase not only upset our transportation arrangement, but involved the use of additional school space. With the generous consent of the Selectmen, the Town Hall was furnished with school equipment and is now in use by a large class of first-grade pupils. Our regular school buildings are filled to capacity and another increase in the number of scholars next fall will find us without place to put them. It is imperative that additional school space be acquired within the next seven months in order that the schools may continue to function as they have done in recent years. What was said in the School Committee's report a year ago, could well be repeated here with emphasis. The overcrowding of which

the town was then warned has already come and conditions will soon be worse, unless we have immediate action on the problem.

The School Committee is grateful to all connected with the schools for their good and efficient services and to the other town officials and to the public at large for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HATHAWAY,
ALFRED S. ALLEN,
HARRY W. DE LORIEA,
OLIVIA H. NORCROSS,
HELEN H. BUCK,
PETER NEILSON,
School Committee of Wilmington.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Wilmington.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subscribed please find my Second Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools for the town. I have endeavored to make it as brief as possible and still cover the main phases of the year's work.

For the months from January first to July first there was no great change from conditions as reported last year. The work was brought to a reasonably successful conclusion ending with excellent graduation exercises of a fine class from the High School.

We endeavored to be more rigid in the requirements for promotion and gave very few of the so-called "trial promotions." Many children in the schools today are laboring under the handicap of having advanced a grade before they were truly ready to do so. This is often done on the insistence of parents, but it is a serious mistake for the children concerned.

The real report for the year centers around conditions which arose within the first few weeks of the Fall term. It did not develop on the first day, but reached its height early in the second week of school. I refer to the wholly unforeseen and unforeseeable influx of children into the schools of the town. Of course we knew we were to have more chil-

dren entering than were present at the close of the last school year and had made such preparations as would leave each of the teachers with a comfortable number. The hordes which appeared all but overwhelmed us and soon every schoolroom in the town was overcrowded, even including the extra room which had been prepared in the Town Hall. By the end of September there had been enrolled a few less than eight hundred children.

After having housed every child we were faced with the problem of seating them all. Here was where we began to think of what was to become of the comfortable financial balance which had been so carefully husbanded to carry the system to the end of the fiscal year. And this was truly but the beginning of the financial problem, because once seated the children needed books and supplies. The new school in the Town Hall had to have a teacher and a janitor as well as some changes in the condition of sanitaries and coat room space.

Next came reports of crowded busses on one of the transportation routes, necessitating the addition of a third bus. Here was another unexpected draft on that rapidly diminishing balance. And so it has been throughout the Fall, just one new demand after another, so that it seems remarkable that we reached the end of the year with so little indebtedness.

As an evidence of the good judgment of the Committee when preparing its budget for the year it should be said that had that budget been met in full, the year could have been successfully financed with a very small balance returned to the town.

Looking to the future, that is, to next September, it is reasonable to expect a repetition of our experience of the past year. Financial preparation for this can be made at

the will of the Annual Town Meeting, but if there is a repetition one thing is certain and that is, that the present school plant of the town will be wholly inadequate. Today there are in the first seven grades of the schools approximately five hundred and sixty children. This does not include any of the grades housed in the High School. These 560 children are in fourteen school rooms, which gives an average of 40 children to a teacher. This average is not accurate because the two teachers in the seventh grade have each 35 children in her room, while some of the teachers in the lower grades have as many as 48 children in two grades. Thus the teacher load is very unfairly divided and those children who need the most individual attention cannot get it because of the large numbers in their classes. Even if conditions were to remain as at present there must be some kind of reorganization of the grades in order that the children in the primary grades may have a fair chance. Please note that no mention is made of easing the teachers' burdens. They are accepting their lot very cheerfully and doing their best. It is the children for whom consideration is asked.

Suppose, then, next September brings another increase of 60 or more pupils. Where will we even pack them, to say nothing of giving them a seat and a hook for their clothing? Such a condition is not only possible but is very probable. It is a situation to be faced without delay.

A committee on school accommodations has been at work during the year and it is hoped that some definite plan to meet the probable emergency has been developed. Whatever the plan may be, action should not be delayed. It is a thing which cannot be avoided if your school children are not to suffer. No makeshift platoon plan should be considered for a moment. It would be expensive and inefficient. Expensive here especially, because of the transportation problem involved, as well as the cost of extra

teachers or the extra cost of teachers. Another expensive difficulty with this plan is the general lack of artificial light in the present buildings. This would be very necessary to the lengthened day. And there are other undesirable features of which space does not permit mention here.

While fully appreciating what it means to suggest a new building when the town has under consideration so important a project as a water supply, we would be remiss in doing our duty were we to neglect to make known this really pressing problem of the near future; a time so near that immediate action is imperative. It takes time to build a satisfactory school building.

The Teaching Corps

The teacher personnel has remained substantially the same as last year. There were too many changes, but the gains offset the losses.

Miss George M. A. M. Crockett was added to the High School staff and assists in the eighth grade, replacing Mrs. Powell, whose removal from town was regretted.

Late in the year Miss Webb resigned to be married and was replaced by Miss Frances Hindenlang, who has had exceptional advantages in French as a preparation for her work.

In the seventh grade two new teachers had to be secured to replace Miss McGrane and Mrs. Bischoff.

Miss Verna L. Wadleigh, a teacher of wide experience, was secured as principal. Miss Wadleigh is a specialist in standard tests and is doing some original work with her

class which it is expected will lead to a wider application in the other schools of the town.

Miss Eva Clark was secured as the other seventh grade teacher. She is also experienced and has seconded the work of the principal to good advantage.

Mrs. Patten is in charge of the room where Miss Chapman served so long and so well. Miss Patten is also a trained and long experienced teacher.

For the new room in the Town Hall, Miss Irene Richardson was engaged. Again we were able to find a trained and experienced incumbent for the position.

The present teaching staff seems very strong at nearly every point. It is hoped that we may be able to hold it intact, but this is almost too much to expect when larger towns can offer superior salaries and teaching conditions.

Music and Drawing

In music Mrs. Kimball has continued her excellent work. It is a pleasure to hear the children sing. They seem to enjoy it and not to take it as part of a day's work. In some rooms, notably the combined seventh grades, chance has brought together a group who sing exceptionally well. The voices here blend beautifully. This is also true of the eighth grade group. These are by no means the only children in town who sing well.

Instrumental music is being well cared for in the High School under the able direction of our own Mr. Gerald Frazee. No doubt, the public performances of Mr. Frazee's charges are still remembered from their concert and the music at graduation.

The drawing department is under new leadership this year. Miss Marion Ladd of Winchester, a graduate of Boston Normal Art School, is now in charge, replacing Miss Barry, who is now in Amesbury. The work progresses on well-planned lines and seems to be very satisfactory. Miss Ladd is well liked by both pupils and teachers.

Health Activities

Work in this department has gone forward under the direction of Dr. Buzzell and Mrs. Constance A. Holliday, R.N. The report of Mrs. Holliday will be found in these pages.

Credit should be given for the work of Miss Horton and Mrs. Mobbs for their excellent work with hot lunches.

High School

In lieu of asking for a special report from Mr. Knight I want to say that the local High School shows every evidence of good administration.

Classroom activities run smoothly and effectively. The young people seem interested and are always busy. Disorder is noticeable because of its absence.

Activities outside of regular class work are reasonably varied and loyally supported. Baseball and basketball teams have met with more success than could be expected from a small school. The musical clubs are doing excellent work, and in the drama no little talent has been shown.

Under Mr. Frolio military drill is carried on and receives credit towards graduation, it being really as much physical training as military drill, the rifle replacing the dumbbells and Indian clubs. *The Alpha,* a weekly newspaper, is the

literary outlet of the school and serves at the same time as a local weekly for the town. It is self supporting, which is something of a novelty.

Numbers and Distribution of Pupils

As is usual, two simple tables are appended for purpose of comparison with other years and to show just how the school population is grouped and has progressed since the last report.

TABLE I

School and Grade Distribution

December 31, 1925

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	XI	X	XI	XII	
Whitefield	30	37	29	29	23	38							186
Center	5	28	17	21			70						141
Town Hall	43												43
Walker	27	20	29	19	46	43							184
South	7	13	10	10									40
High								55	52	24	17	24	172
	112	98	85	79	69	81	70	55	52	24	17	24	766

This table represents actual membership in every case and does not show the full enrollment of the school. The numbers would be larger if children who have become non-

TABLE 2 AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION December 31, 1925

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		T	A	%	R	%
I	58	42	9	3													112	0		12	
II	5	40	31	15	6		1										98	5		22	
III		6	27	32	15	2	2			1							85	6		18	
IV			8	27	28	10	3	2			1						79	8		16	
V				3	23	18	11	8	4	2							69	3		25	
VI					11	27	28	10	5								81	11		15	
VII						2	21	23	14	9	1						70	2		24	
VIII							6	18	18	11	2						55	6		13	
IX								9	23	14	6						52	9		6	
X								1	6	12	4	1					24	7		1	
XI										6	7	4					17	6		0	
XII											9	10	4		1		24	9		1	
																	766	69		154	

KEY: Roman numerals indicate the grades.
Arabic numerals at heads of columns indicate age to the nearest year.
Heavy black diagonal ruling indicates normal age limits in the grades.
A shows number under age for any grade.
R shows over age for any grade.

members temporarily, because of sickness or for some other reason, were included.

The second table (see page 151) shows the distribution of pupils on the basis of age and grade. It also gives information concerning the question of retarded and accelerated pupils. It is noteworthy that in spite of the increase in age limit for the first grade there is still a large number of under age pupils. There is also too great a percentage of retardation. This will receive careful investigation during the coming year.

Conclusion

May I take this opportunity to express my hearty appreciation of the co-operation I have received from my associates and for the cordial and appreciative manner in which the School Committee has received my efforts. The harmony which exists, in general, throughout the school system is a source of satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN G. BEAN.

Wilmington, Mass.
Dec. 31, 1925.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1925

General Appropriation	$44,000.00
Special Repairs:	
Vocational Education	1,000.00
1924 Unpaid Bills	1,124.23

General Expenses

1925

School Committee:	
Salaries	$0.00
Other expenses	6.66
Supt. of Schools and Enforcement of the Laws:	
Salaries	1,740.00
Other expenses	446.72

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors:	
Salaries	$679.00
Salaries—Principals:	
High	2,700.00
Salaries—Teachers:	
High	6,357.50
Elementary	16,295.00
Text Books:	
High	421.05
Elementary	305.09
Stationery, Supplies and Miscellaneous:	
High	344.70
Elementary	934.64

Expenses of Operating School Plants

Wages of Janitors, etc.:		
High	$1,450.00	
Elementary	1,508.00	
Fuel:		
High	1,055.20	
Elementary	1,695.00	
Miscellaneous and Sundries:		
High	156.36	
Elementary	627.12	

Maintenance

Repairs, Upkeep, etc.:		
High	2,128.48	
Elementary	867.29	

Auxiliary Agencies

Health	741.36	
Transportation	2,929.50	
Tuition, Voc.	494.22	
Miscellaneous	77.07	

Outlays

New Equipment:		
High	142.50	
Elementary	375.74	
Total Expenditures		43,984.48
Unexpended Balance		$15.52

Recapitulation

General Appropriation	$44,000.00
Expended	43,984.48
Unexpended	$15.52
Special Appropriation for Vocational Education	1,000.00
Expended	494.22
Unexpended	$505.78
Special Appropriation for 1924 Bills	1,142.23
Expended	1,142.23
	$000.00
Special Appropriation for Repairs	654.23
Expended	646.24
	$7.99

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Stephen G. Bean,
Superintendent of Schools,
Wilmington, Mass.

The following is a report of the activities of the school nurse for the year 1925:

This year has been one of getting acquainted, of trying out and establishing new methods of health education, and of working toward perfect health conditions for the school child.

The sanitary conditions have been improved considerably—a drinking fountain has replaced the pail and dipper at the Whitefield, and two other schools have been supplied with fountains; the toilet facilities have been increased; and the children of the South School have been provided with a wash stand, which not only does away with their running out to the pump in all kinds of weather to wash, but also serves as a stimulus to help the children remember to obey that important health rule, "Keep Clean."

It is interesting to note how much more interested the children and their parents are in health and in our efforts to promote it. It is gratifying to note that from year to year the defects occur less often, and that an increased percent of defects is being treated. Of the children that have been notified of defective tonsils and adenoids this year

about one-fifth have had them removed; and of those notified by the dentist more than one-half have had treatment. The number of children that needed dental treatment at the beginning of the year was appalling, and I feel that we cannot overestimate the good work accomplished by the dentist who was supplied to us by the local District Health Association.

The work of the school nurse has changed in the last few years from that of curing disease to that of preventing it. The largest part of preventive work consists of education, therefore, the studying of hygiene and the learning of health habits have become an important part of the school child's curriculum. Dansdill's book, "Health Training in the Schools," has been supplied to the teachers as a guide in teaching health habits; posters have been sent out by the State Department of Public Health and exhibited and discussed in the schoolrooms; the first grades have used health alphabet booklets for supplementary reading and coloring; and through the co-operation of Mrs. Kimball and Miss Ladd the subject of health has been correlated with music and drawing.

Starting in September a monthly program for health teaching has been supplied every teacher, so that each week a definite subject might be correlated with the school work, or taught as a separate subject. This work is supplemented by the monthly classroom talks on health. The teachers have been most co-operative and are showing more and more interest in health teaching. Some have made attractive posters, some have bought them, to hang in their class rooms so that the interest of the children might be stimulated constantly. The children show the results of this work and it was interesting to observe that only a few weeks after school had begun this fall there was a notice-

able change in the appearance of the children—in one school particularly. They had been careless about their hair, nails, etc., and after a few talks on neatness took such an interest that the improvement was soon noticeable. Nearly all children are taking more care and pride in their personal appearance, and they have learned thoroughly the rules for safety first and for healthful living.

The state and county health departments do a wonderful work in guarding the children from tuberculosis and in helping the mothers solve nutritional and general health problems. A large group of underweight children and their mothers benefited by the tuberculosis clinic held here in the spring. Three children were sent for the summer to the county health camp, where they all gained weight and returned in the fall much improved. At the time of the clinic Mr. Bean was most generous in giving the services of his car to make the necessary home visits in the outlying districts.

Mr. Bean has taken a great interest in the health work and his advice and suggestions have been well appreciated.

Mrs. H. C. Barrows, the president of the District Health Association, has helped the work a great deal by aiding in the transportation of children from their schools to the dentist at the time of the clinic, and by giving her time and services has made it possible for several children to attend clinics in Boston.

I am very grateful to Dr. Buzzell for his unfailing cooperation and to all the teachers and parents who have contributed so much toward making school nursing successful.

Number of classroom inspections	51
Number of individual examinations by nurse	2,173
Number of times pediculosis found	116
Number of children weighed or measured	707
Number of children 10% or more underweight	122
Number of children 15% or more overweight	13
Number of children attending dental clinic	135
Number of children attending tuberculosis clinic	41
Number of children classified as suspicious	3
Number of children taken by nurse to other clinics	6
Number of individual examinations by doctor	875
Number of defects found	640
Number of notices sent	556
Number of corrections made	172
Number of classroom talks	38
Number of home calls	78

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE A. HOLLIDAY, R.N.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Middlesex, ss.

To Walter A. Hill, Constable of the Town of Wilmington,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of said Town, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall on Monday, the first day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at 9.45 a.m. and shall be closed at 8 p.m. for the election of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your votes on one ballot for three Selectmen, who shall also act as Overseers of the Poor and Board of Survey; one Assessor for three years; Town Clerk; Treasurer; Collector of Taxes; Constable; three Fence Viewers; two members of the School Committee for three years; two trustees of the Public Library for three years; one trustee of Trust Funds for three years; one member of the S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee for five years; Tree Warden; Moderator; also to vote on the following question, to wit: "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this Town?" Yes or No.

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Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of said Town this fifteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

FRANK W. DAYTON,
CHAS. F. PERRY,
ARTHUR W. GIROUX,
Selectmen of Wilmington.

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ELECTED AND APPOINTED

TOWN OFFICERS, 1926

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

CHARLES F. PERRY, *Chairman*

WALTER L. HALE — CARL S. PETTENGILL

Assessors

ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE	Term expires 1927
J. HOWARD EAMES	Term expires 1928
JAMES E. KELLEY	Term expires 1929

Town Clerk

JAMES E. KELLEY

Treasurer

FRANK L. EAMES

Collector of Taxes

GEORGE W. BUCK

Town Accountant

HARRY R. DEMING

Constable

WALTER A. HILL

Police Department

WALTER A. HILL, *Chief*

Special Police

ALBERT D. BUTTERS	JOHN O'CONNOR
ELMER W. EATON	EDWARD HARRIS
WALTER J. HARRISON	EDWARD S. LEWIS
WALTER F. ELLSWORTH	ROBB W. HAUCK
ALEXANDER BRABANT	CHARLES D. REILLY
ALBERT A. HAYWARD	HARRY G. PIERSON

Keeper of Lock-up

WALTER A. HILL

Board of Survey

SELECTMEN

Registrars of Voters

ALDICE G. EAMES	Term expires 1927
MAURICE P. GALLAGHER	Term expires 1928
HARRY P. JONES	Term expires 1929

JAMES E. KELLEY, *Clerk of Board*

Fence Viewers

CHARLES F. PERRY ARTHUR W. GIROUX

C. A. PETTENGILL

Field Drivers

CHARLES D. REILLY EDWARD W. TAYLOR

Pound Keeper

CHARLES D. REILLY

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

HERBERT C. BARROWS
SCHAMIEL R. McINTOSH
WALTER L. HALE
HARRY R. DEMING
EDWARD N. EAMES
ARTHUR W. EAMES
THOMAS T. SIDELINKER
ARNOLD D. CARTER
WILLIAM T. LEWIS

Measurers of Leather

J. ARTHUR TAYLOR
HARRY R. DEMING
ARTHUR F. BLAKE
REGINALD J. FROTTON

Public Weighers of Merchandise

ARTHUR F. BLAKE
FRED W. CARTER
AUSTIN C. TAYLOR
HARRY R. DEMING
JOHN A. HOWE
WALTER L. HALE
J. ARTHUR TAYLOR

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERNEST R. CURRIER

Janitor of Town Hall

OLIVER A. McGRANE

Superintendent of Streets

CHARLES V. BLAISDELL

Board of Health

SELECTMEN
DR. DANIEL T. BUZZELL, *Agent*

Inspector of Animals

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M.D.V.

Inspector of Meats and Provisions

ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE

Chief of Fire Department

EDWIN L. DAY

Assistant Chief of Fire Department

OLIVER McGRANE

Forest Fire Warden

EDWIN L. DAY

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

OLIVER A. McGRANE — WINFRED W. RICE

Cemetery Commissioners

WILLIAM T. HENDERSON	Term expires 1927
CHARLES C. ALDEN	Term expires 1928
LOUIS T. McMAHON	Term expires 1929

GEORGE F. NEWCOMB, *Superintendent*

Common Committee

CHARLES F. PERRY	Term expires 1927
CALEB S. HARRIMAN	Term expires 1928
EDWARD N. EAMES	Term expires 1929

School Committee

JOHN W. HATHAWAY	Term expires 1927
HARRY W. DeLORIEA	Term expires 1927
PETER NEILSON	Term expires 1928
ALFRED S. ALLEN	Term expires 1928
HELEN H. BUCK	Term expires 1929
OLIVIA H. NORCROSS	Term expires 1929

Inspector of Buildings

CHESTER HORTON

Board of Appeal

HARRY R. DEMING — ARTHUR W. EAMES
LOUIS T. McMAHON

Undertakers

EDWARD M. NICHOLS — JOSEPH B. McMAHON

Burial Agent

JOHN H. SIMPSON

Trustees of Public Library

DANIEL T. BUZZELL	Term expires 1927
HELEN H. BUCK	Term expires 1927
EDWARD N. EAMES	Term expires 1928
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CHARLES C. ALDEN	Term expires 1929
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Trustees of Trust Funds

PHILIP B. BUZZELL	Term expires 1927
CALEB S. HARRIMAN	Term expires 1928
EDWARD N. EAMES	Term expires 1929

Tree Warden

OLIVER A. McGRANE

Superintendent for Suppressing Moths

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Sarah D. J. Carter Lecture Fund Committee

MILDRED E. NEILSON	Term expires 1927
JOHN W. HATHAWAY	Term expires 1928
GERALD F. FRAZEE	Term expires 1929
ARTHUR W. GIROUX	Term expires 1930
ARTHUR F. BLAKE	Term expires 1931

Finance Committee

WALDO L. DEAN	Term expires 1927
LOUIS T. McMAHON	Term expires 1927
HERBERT C. BARROWS	Term expires 1927
CALEB S. HARRIMAN	Term expires 1928
THOMAS C. DALY	Term expires 1928
EDWARD M. NEILSON	Term expires 1928
A. CHANDLER MANNING	Term expires 1929
OSCAR A. LUNDGREN	Term expires 1929
PAUL E. TODD	Term expires 1929

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

JOHN E. DENEHEY	HAROLD SWAIN
EBER P. MELZAR	EUGENE G. SHAW
JOHN F. MUSE	JOSEPH H. SURRETTE
HENRY A. McMAHON	JOHN W. SIMPSON
MARGARET W. DeLORIEA	MARY L. CAIL
ELEANOR M. LIVINGSTON	ROSE T. CAVANAUGH

Moderator

EDWARD N. EAMES

JURY LIST, TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Revised by Board of Selectmen, July 26, 1926

Name	Occupation	Street or Avenue
Howard E. Bedell	Insurance Agent	Burlington
Charles V. Blaisdell	Teamster	Lowell
Roger S. Buck	Machinist	Woburn
Sidney C. Buck	Provision Dealer	Middlesex
W. Gould Buckle	B. & M. Emp.	Church
Joseph Cotton	Real Estate	Off Thurston
Irvin Eames	Retired	Woburn
Walter J. Harrison	Baggage Man	Andover
Chester T. Horton	Carpenter	Swain
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Frank W. Kidder	Clerk	Off Thurston
Charles A. Livingston	Grocer	Burlington
George McKittrick	Crossing Man	Eames
Louis T. McMahon	Superintendent	Middlesex
John F. Muse	Laborer	Cottage
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Louis A. Nichols	Clerk	Middlesex
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract for electric lights to be installed on Salem Street, from Woburn Street easterly to the North Reading Town Line, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) for the purchase of a strip of land bounded by Grove Avenue and Silver Lake, the Bath House and land owned by Mr. Ralph Howe, belonging to the Metropolitan Ice Company, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars seventeen cents ($1,835.17), the same being unpaid bills of the School Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred eighty-eight dollars thirty-eight cents ($988.38), the same being unpaid bills of the Highway Department, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred five dollars and forty

cents ($4,505.40), the same being the overdrafts for the year 1925, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred thirty-one dollars two cents ($331.02), representing a deficiency in revenue, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract for electric lights to be installed on Grove Street from West Street to the Reading Line, or do anything in relation thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of said Town this fifteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

FRANK W. DAYTON,
CHARLES F. PERRY,
ARTHUR W. GIROUX,
Selectmen of Wilmington.

TOWN MEETING

Record of Proceedings of Annual Town Meeting Held March 1, 1926

In accordance with the directions of the foregoing Warrant, the voters assembled on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, and Article 1 as far as Article 2 of the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, when a motion was made to dispense with reading the remaining Articles; the Moderator then examined the ballot box, which was found empty, the register indicated 0000, the box was locked and the key delivered to the Constable.

The Ballot Clerks and Tellers having been sworn, the official ballots were delivered to the Ballot Clerks, a receipt for the same being taken by the Town Clerk.

The Moderator announced that the polls for the election of officers were open and that balloting might proceed.

At the appointed time stated in the Warrant the Moderator declared the polls closed. The names checked upon the lists numbered eight hundred and twenty-nine (829); the ballots as counted from the ballot box numbered eight hundred and twenty-nine (829), and the register indicated eight hundred and twenty-nine (829). The following is the vote for Town Officers as declared by the Moderator.

Selectmen (to act as Overseers of Poor and Board of Survey)

	Votes
Arthur W. Giroux had three hundred sixty	360
Elected, Walter L. Hale had four hundred thirty-seven	437
Jerome J. O'Leary had three hundred four	304
Elected, Charles F. Perry had four hundred twenty-three	423
Elected, Carl S. Pettengill had five hundred eighteen	518
Walter Blaisdell had one	1
Blanks, four hundred and forty-four	444

Assessors (Three Years)

Elected, James E. Kelley had six hundred eighty-seven	687
Charles Black had two	2
Edward Day had one	1
Blanks, one hundred thirty-nine	139

Town Clerk

Elected, James E. Kelley had six hundred eighty-eight	688
Charles Black had two	2
Blanks, one hundred thirty-nine	139

Treasurer

Elected, Frank L. Eames had six hundred seventy	670
Blanks, one hundred fifty-nine	159

Collector of Taxes

Elected, George W. Buck had six hundred eighty	680
Wilbur Sheldon had one	1
Blanks, one hundred forty-eight	148

Constable

Elected, Walter A. Hill had six hundred thirty-two	632
Herbert Barrows had one	1
Blanks, one hundred ninety-six	196

Fence Viewers

Elected, Arthur W. Giroux had three hundred thirty-three	333
Elected, Charles F. Perry had four hundred eighty-five	485
Elected, Carl S. Pettengill had four hundred ninety-seven	497
Walter Gould Buckle had two hundred seventy-three	273
Frank W. Dayton had two hundred thirty-eight	238
Blanks, six hundred fifty-six	656

School Committee (Three Years)

Elected, Helen H. Buck had five hundred fifty-eight	558
M. Herbert Foskett had two hundred thirty-nine	239
Elected, Olivia H. Norcross had five hundred thirty-nine	539
Ralph Currier had one	1
Blanks, three hundred twenty-one	321

Trustees Public Library (Three Years)

Elected, Charles C. Alden had four hundred twenty-seven	427
Elected, Caleb S. Harriman had five hundred thirty-three	533
Schamiel R. McIntosh had three hundred twelve	312
Blanks, three hundred eighty-six	386

S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee (Five Years)

Elected, Arthur F. Blake had six hundred twenty	620
Blanks, two hundred nine	209

Trustees of Trust Funds

Elected, Edward N. Eames had six hundred fourteen	614
Blanks, two hundred fifteen	215

Tree Warden

Elected, Oliver A. McGrane had six hundred sixty-eight	668
Leon Southmayde had one	1
Blanks, one hundred sixty	160

Moderator

Elected, Edward N. Eames had four hundred ninety-four	494
Archie S. Thurston had two hundred nine	209
Blanks, one hundred twenty-six	126

After a declaration of the vote by the Moderator and administering the oath of office to the following-named persons: Charles F. Perry, Carl S. Pettengill and Walter L. Hale as Selectmen, Overseers of Poor and Board of Survey; James E. Kelley as Town Clerk, Frank L. Eames as Treasurer, George W. Buck as Tax Collector, Walter A. Hill as Constable, Olivia H. Norcross as School Committee, Charles C. Alden as Trustee of Public Library, Oliver A. McGrane as Tree Warden, and the special oath required by Sec. 29, Chap. 41, Gen. Laws, to James E. Kelley as Assessor, the meeting adjourned until Monday, March 8th, at 8 o'clock P. M., at the Grange Hall.

Attest: JAMES E. KELLEY, *Town Clerk.*

Record of Proceedings of the Adjourned Annual Meeting in the Grange Hall, March 8, 1926

At the appointed time the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. He stated that Mrs. Ann Patchett, widow of Joseph Patchett, has presented a gavel to the Town, and on motion it was voted to accept the same, and that the Town Clerk write Mrs. Patchett a letter thanking her for the gavel. Article 2 of the Warrant was then read.

Article 2. On motion voted a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to bring in a list of names as nominations for the several offices to be filled under the article. The Moderator appointed Herbert C. Barrows, J. Howard Eames and Daniel H. Ross, who submitted the following list:

Field Drivers

William J. Rodden	Edward W. Taylor	Charles D. Reilly

Public Weighers of Merchandise

J. Arthur Taylor	Walter L. Hale	John A. Howe
Fred W. Carter	Harry B. Deming	Arthur F. Blake
	Austin C. Taylor	

Measurers of Leather

J. Arthur Taylor	Harry R. Deming	Arthur F. Blake

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

Herbert C. Barrows
Thomas T. Sidelinker
Arthur W. Eames
Edward N. Eames
Schamiel R. McIntosh
Harry R. Deming
Walter L. Hale
Arnold D. Carter
William T. Lewis

Finance Committee (Three Years)

A. Chandler Manning Oscar A. Lundgren Paul E. Todd

Edward M. Neilson was elected to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Frank Tiffany.

Common Committee (Three Years)

Edward N. Eames

Cemetery Commissioners

Louis T. McMahon (Three Years) Charles C. Alden, (Two Years)
William T. Henderson (One Year)

On motion voted: That the list be accepted and adopted and the nominees declared elected.

Article 3. Mr. Voter made a few remarks in relation to department heads who have overdrawn their appropriations, and read the Statute Law in relation thereto.

Mr. Harriman, for the Water Committee, reported that when the bill before the Legislature was enacted the matter would be brought before the Town at a special meeting.

Mr. Giroux, for the Committee on Additional School Accommodations, reported progress.

Article 4. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the several and respective sums recommended by the Finance Committee, each sum to be voted on separately and subject to amendment.

General Government

Selectmen, salaries and expenses	$900.00
Accountant, salary and expenses	650.00
Treasurer, salary and expenses	575.00
Collector, salary and expenses	1,700.00
Assessors, salaries and expenses	1,500.00
Town Clerk, salary and expenses	220.00
Finance Committee, expenses	100.00
Election and registration, salaries and expenses	500.00
Town Hall, janitor, fuel, lights and repairs	500.00
Town Constable	50.00
	$6,695.00

Protection of Life and Property

Police Department	$4,000.00
Fire Department	2,800.00
Suppression of Moths (compulsory $1,277.65), Balance for incidentals and private work	2,100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	250.00
Tree Warden	1,000.00
Forest Fires	600.00
Building Inspector	500.00
	$11,250.00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health Agent's salary, quarantine wages, Inspector of Meats and Provisions, and Vital Statistics	$800.00

Highways

General appropriation amended to include $2,599.45 for snow bills	$21,199.45
Salem Street on motion voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars under the provisions of Chapter 90 for additions to Salem Street, and that the work be let out on contract and not done by the Town	2,000.00
Chapter 90. Specific repairs (Salem and Lowell Sts.)	500.00
Electric Street Lights	8,165.00
	$39,864.45

Charities and Aid

Care of poor	$4,000.00
Aid for dependent mothers	500.00
	$4,500.00

Soldiers' Benefits

State aid	$350.00
Soldiers' relief	500.00
Military aid	500.00
	$1,350.00

Miscellaneous Expenditures

Town indebtedness	$2,750.00
Reserve Fund	3,000.00
Interest	5,000.00
Unclassified (printing, care of clock, etc.)	1,000.00
Cemetery	2,200.00
	$13,950.00

Education

Schools (including all incidental running expenses).....	$50,130.00
Vocational training.....	800.00
Library	800.00
	$51,730.00

Article 5. On motion voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1926, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 6. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred ($400) dollars for the observance of Memorial Day and that the Moderator appoint a committee who shall arrange and have charge of such observance. Voted in the affirmative. Moderator appointed as said Committee: Milton T. Holt, Claude Thompson, Harry Jones, James Castine, Joseph Newcomb, Joseph B. McMahon, Mrs. Harry Jones, Mrs. Theresa Castine and Miss Rosanna Babine.

Article 7. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five ($75) dollars for the upkeep of Regan, Rogers and Nee Parks. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 8. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for public health work. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 9. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) for Middlesex County Extension Service as provided under Section 40 to 45, Chapter 128, General Laws of Massachusetts, and that Ernest R. Currier be selected as Director. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 10. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six hundred fifty dollars ($2,650) for the purchase of a tractor and snow plow. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 12. Motion: That the Town appropriate the sum of sum of nine hundred fifty dollars ($950) for the purchase of a heavy road scraper. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 11. Motion: That the Town appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) to be added to a similar sum appropriated last year for the purchase of a Power Loader, the funds to be taken from the General Highway Funds. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 13. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) for the purchase of a sprayer for the Moth Department. The Moderator declared the motion

carried. The vote was doubted, and on a standing vote being taken, 118 voted yes and 40 voted no, and the motion was declared carried.

Article 14. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ninety dollars ($290) for the purchase of additional fireproof office equipment for Town Records. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 15. Motion: That a committee of three, namely, Edward N. Eames, A. Chandler Manning, and Harry Deming, be appointed to make a study of the requirements of suitable offices for Town Officers and to see if our present Town Hall can be remodelled to provide such quarters. Also to make a similar study and report on the Public Library. This committee to report at a future meeting. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 16. Motion: That the Town appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) from the General Haghway Fund to eliminate as far as possible the two dangerous curves on Boutwell Street, one near the junction of Boutwell Street and Burlington Avenue, and the other on Boutwell Street near Taft Road. Voted in the affrmative.

Article 17. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars ($50) to widen and grade the entrance to Nichols Street from Shawsheen Avenue, on land donated and deeded to the Town for that purpose by Mrs. Harriet H. Whitcomb —the said entrance to be named Whitcomb square. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 18. Motion: That the Town appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars ($250) from the General Highway Fund, to be used for widening dangerous curve on Glen Road, in addition to the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) for repairs shown in the Highway Budget which was presented by the Board of Selectmen. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 19. Voted to pass by the article.

Article 20. Voted in the negative.

Article 21. Voted to pass by the article.

Article 22. Voted to pass by the article.

Article 23. Voted to pass by the article.

Article 24. Voted to pass by the article.

Article 25. Motion: That the Town vote to accept the additions to its By-Laws "as printed in the Warrant" regarding the laying out and acceptance of new streets. After remarks by Mr. McMahon and Mr. Voter in favor, and by Mr. McDonald in opposition, on a vote being taken, it was voted in the affirmative.

Article 26. Motion: That the Selectmen be hereby instructed to contract for one electric light to be installed on Park Street. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 27. Motion: That the Selectmen be hereby instructed to contract for nine electric lights to be installed on Salem Street, from Woburn Street easterly to the No. Reading Town Line. Voted in the negative.

Article 28. To pass by the article.

Article 29. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred thirty-five dollars and seventeen cents ($1,835.17) to settle the unpaid bills of the School Department. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 30. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred eighty-eight dollars thirty-eight cents ($988.38) to settle the unpaid bills of the Highway Department. Voted in the affrmative.

Article 31. Motion: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred five dollars and forty cents ($4,505.40) to cover the overdrafts for the year 1925. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 32. Motion: That the Town appropriate the sum of three hundred thirty-one dollars and two cents ($331.02) to cover a deficiency in revenue for the year 1925, the same to be taken from Excess and Deficiency Account. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 33. Motion: That the Selectmen be instructed to contract for three electric lights to be installed on Grove Street from West Street to the Railroad. Moderator declared the vote in the negative; the vote was doubted, and on a standing vote being taken, so many arose in favor of the motion that the Moderator declared the motion carried without counting.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest: JAMES E. KELLEY, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON FOR THE YEAR 1926

No.	DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
1	January 1	Barbara Ferguson Haynes	Frank W. Haynes—Barbara Ferguson
2	January 3	Robert Mason Batchelder	Oscar W. Batchelder—Dorothy Jaquith
3	January 20	Eleanor Cove	Walter C. Cove—Mildred Kinsman
4	January 23	Gretchen Wyman	Joseph R. Wyman—Gladys French
5	January 13	John Harold Nee	Michael Nee—Mary Elizabeth Sheehan
6	January 26	Frederick H. Barnes	James H. Barnes—Margaret B. Haynes
7	January 27	Dorothy Lillian Harris	Edward Harris—Emily Gooch
8	January 30	Robert John Slatting	Wm. J. Slatting—Elizabeth Nimblett
10	February 19	Daniel Poore Pike	Samuel P. Pike—Pauline Gage
11	February 24	Irma Lea Henderson	Wendell V. S. Henderson—Shirley L. Sowatt
12	February 28	George James Webber, Jr.	George James Webber—Florence E. Stavely
13	March 5	Patricia Hosmer Furlan	Frank Furlan—Elizabeth G. Norcross
14	March 5	——Gretz	Robert Gretz—Mary Pauline Olmstead
15	March 6	Paul Bisbee Henderson	Ralph Henderson—Alice Evelyn Bisbee
16	March 10	Barbara Louise Kinsman	Arthur Kinsman—Gertrude Reddy
17	March 18	William Earl Stokes	Albert Stokes—Ada Madreia
18	March 19	Phyllis Dorothy Park	Philip S. Park—Dorothy M. Rodden
19	March 20	Denis Joseph O'Brien	Wm. H. O'Brien—Mary M. Murphy
20	April 4	Herbert E. McKeon, Jr.	Herbert E. McKeon—Stella A. Jackson
21	April 5	Harold Sydney Miller	Chas. E. Miller—Helen F. Robinson
22	April 7	Varnum Elbridge Nickles	Percy S. Nickles—Manola R. Willis
23	April 10	Evelyn Christine Babine	John W. Babine—Gladys A. Blarny
24	April 21	Richard Buck Neilson	Edward Neilson—Mildred Buck
25	April 22	Edward John Zengilowski	Kazimer Zengilowski—Nora Rebetski
26	April 24	Raymond Earl Fitch	Walter Fitch—Dorothy Helen Sewall
27	April 29	——Emery	Frederick H. Emery—Margaret May Magwood
28	April 30	Priscilla Louise MacNeil	Chester E. MacNeil—Mildred E. Peters
29	May 10	Ronald Eugene Shaw	Edgar Shaw—Myrtle Baxter
30	May 12	Donald Eugene Berube	Louis Berube—Mary J. Cahill
31	May 13	Frances Adeline Barton	Bernard F. Barton—Doris Eleanor Howard
32	May 15	Emeline Prudence White	Arthur White—Jeanette P. Allen
33	May 16	Adelaide Isabelle Young	Allan Young—Emma Martin
34	May 17	Betty Theresa Bowley	Edward H. Bowley—Pauline Lewis Edmonson
35	May 17	Edward James Skank	Alonzo Brent Skank—Anna May Hall
36	May 21	Laura Eveline Nardi	Frank Nardi—Laura B. Young
37	June 13	Marion Rose Lyons	Edward John Lyons—Amelia Jane Chisholm
38	June 18	Grace Velma DuPont	Leon DuPont—Grace E. Fielding
39	June 26	Virginia E. Buriss	Wm. F. Buriss—Mildred Baker
40	June 26	Dorothy Ann Doucette	Joseph Percy Doucette—Ann Isabel Babine
41	June 30	John Dennis O'Leary	Jerome J. O'Leary—Mary E. McDonald

NO.	DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAMES OF PARENTS
42	July 1	Virginia Lillian McDermott	David H. McDermott—Gertrude Marion Nimblett
43	July 10	Frederick Lestle Blaisdell	Clarence L. Blaisdell—Caroline K. Doebeli
45	July 15	Orilla May McLean	Charles John McLean—Harriet T. Philips
46	July 18	Constance Ruth Meadows	George Meadows—Mary Brown
47	July 20	———Hansen	Hans C. Hansen—Margaret J. Anderson
48	July 27	Owen Edward Hill, Jr.	Owen Edward Hill—Martha Jane McLeod
49	July 31	Anna Majorie Dahlin	Emile Alfred Dahlin—Anna Benson
51	August 11	James H. White, Jr.	James H. White—Mary J. Surette
52	August 13	Robert Louis Cavanaugh	Charles F. Cavanaugh—Rose T. McMahon
53	August 16	Edward Howard Lawson	Edward H. Lawson—Christine M. Woodworth
54	August 20	Robert Henry Barry	Michael H. Barry, Jr.—Anna Fitzgerald
55	August 21	William Irving Whitney	William I. Whitney—Margaret M. O'Brien
56	August 22	Robert Kenneth Edwards	Walter F. Edwards—Jennie Blanche Libby
57	August 23	Joyce Gwendolin Peterson	Carl C. Peterson—Nellie Louise Brown
58	August 24	Lester Clare Burns	Howard Gridley Burns—Mae Lillian Young
59	September 8	Thomas Andrew Molony	Joseph F. Molony—Rose Ethel Kennedy
60	September 25	Harriet Christine Swenson	Sven Otto G. Swenson—Gladys May Lowe
61	September 30	Harold Francis Cail	Ernest Cail—Mary Doyle
62	October 2	Thomas Courtney Lane	Carl Wenters Lane—Mary Margaret Courtney
63	October 4	Rita Lyons	Edward Francis Lyons—Margaret Lascelles
63	October 8	Norman Charles Smith	Harold E. Smith—Eleanor Sargent
65	October 9	Margaret Mary Van Vynck	Joseph VanVynck—Elizabeth Danz
66	October 9	Elizabeth Gilligan	James J. Gilligan—Mary Koschwitz
67	October 11	Agnes Elizabeth Cail	Gordon Cail—Margaret Targett
68	October 12	———Baumgast	Charles Baumgast—Helen Heady
70	October 12	Ruth Ethel McArdle	John B. McArdle—Mary E. Chapman
71	October 17	Melvin Rogers Ritson	Thomas W. Ritson—Madaline Bryant
72	November 4	Mary Alice Richards	Albert S. Richards—Mary LeClair
73	November 10	Joseph Ralph Blades	Wm. C. Blades—Edith A. Meuse
74	November 14	Harold Paul Harrison	Harold B. Harrison—Frances Surette
75	November 15	Elmer Malcolm Drew	Lauchlin Harry Drew—Marie Spidell
76	November 17	Barbara Marilyn White	Ernest J. White—Lottie Steeves
77	November 19	Albert Ribinskas	William Ribinskas—Mary Dus Kehus
78	November 21	Richard Foster Frazee	Gerald Foster Frazee—Alice Graves
79	November 23	Olive Grace Fossey	Carlton C. Fossey—Myrtle L. Irwin
80	November 27	Warren Neil Lewis	Francis Adolph Lewis—Edna Stahle
81	December 6	Ralph Louis Wilson	Ralph Louis Wilson—Gladys Wiggin
82	December 11	Charles Lovell Ellsworth	Walter F. Ellsworth—Helen A. Taylor
83	December 19	Edward Mulvin	George E. Mulvin—Anna Marie Schlittler
84	December 30	Lillian Arlene Morgan	Joseph P. Morgan—Eloida B. Demeritt

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON
For the Year 1926

No.	Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Bride and Groom	Age	Residence	Occupation
1	Jan. 16	Wilmington, Mass.	Edward Maugunski	27	Cambridge, Mass.	Painter
			Elizabeth Mary (Fagan) Mahoney	27	Wilmington, Mass.	Cashier
2	Jan. 24	Medford, Mass.	Walter F. Thompson	27	Medford, Mass.	Chauffeur
			Nellie L. Robinson	22	Wilmington, Mass.	Stenographer
3	Jan. 25	Wilmington, Mass.	Ernest A. V. Stromberg	26	Lowell, Mass.	Salesman
			Marion V. M. Simpson	30	Tewksbury, Mass.	At Home
4	Jan. 30	Wilmington, Mass.	Bernard Franklin Barton	22	Wilmington, Mass.	Chauffeur
			Doris E. Howard	15	Wilmington, Mass.	At Home
5	Feb. 6	Wilmington, Mass.	Joseph Dattelo	20	Winchester, Mass.	Chauffeur
			Mary Marsella	18	Woburn, Mass.	Rubber Worker
6	Mar. 15	Wilmington, Mass.	William Rodman Burbine	24	Wakefield, Mass.	Box Maker
			Josephine Harriet Lavoie	17	Wilmington, Mass.	Box Maker
7	April 3	Wilmington, Mass.	Christine Moller Jensen	24	Woburn, Mass.	Machinist
			Jenny Kristina Anderson	26	Winchester, Mass.	Domestic
8	April 11	Wilmington, Mass.	Arthur Mantini	22	Woburn, Mass.	Foreman
			Mary Re	22	Woburn, Mass.	At Home
9	May 2	Wilmington, Mass.	George Edward White	24	Wilmington, Mass.	Finisher
			Susan Brogna	17	No. Woburn, Mass.	Trimmer
10	June 5	Wilmington, Mass.	Albert Michael Dasey	29	Brookline, Mass.	Sergt. State Poli
			Margaret Mary Babine	25	Wilmington, Mass.	Stenographer
11	June 9	Wilmington, Mass.	Arthur M. Hofman	36	Wilmington, Mass.	Mech. Engineer
			Ida E. Crouse	30	Wilmington, Mass.	Saleslady
12	June 27	Wilmington, Mass.	K. Joseph Stevens	34	Wilmington, Mass.	Barge Captain
			Armine Saleniuk	26	Wilmington, Mass.	At Home
13	June 27	Wilmington, Mass.	John Anthony Quinlan	28	Woburn, Mass.	Chemical Worke:
			Loretta Veronica Riley	19	Woburn, Mass.	Clerk
14	July 5	Wilmington, Mass.	William M. Surette	24	Waltham, Mass.	Receiving Clerk
			Frances M. Doucette	26	N. Wilm'gton, Mass.	Clerk
15	July 18	Wilmington, Mass.	Otis Earl Walsh	37	Wilmington, Mass.	Laborer
			Alice Lena Waggener	20	Winchester, Mass.	Housekeeper
16	July 31	Wilmington, Mass.	Rufus Smith Stevens, Jr.	20	Kennebunk, Me.	Weaver
			Edith LaForest Coombs	20	Wilmington, Mass.	At Home
17	Aug. 14	Wilmington, Mass.	David L. Martin	29	Boston, Mass.	Floor Supt.
			Muriel I. Taylor	25	Wilmington, Mass.	Recorder
18	Aug. 28	Brookline, Mass.	Francis Brigham Hawkes	37	Braintree, Mass.	Printer
			Marion Elizabeth (Lowell) Finelli	31	Wilmington, Mass.	Proofreader
19	Aug. 28	Waltham, Mass.	William James Vincent	35	Waltham, Mass.	Superintendent
			Sara Amelia Bedell	21	Wilmington, Mass.	Nurse
20	Sept. 19	Wilmington, Mass.	Louis Conte	23	Boston, Mass.	Shoemaker
			Anna Macario	18	No. Woburn, Mass.	Packer
21	Sept. 22	Chelmsford, Mass.	Edward Stephen Butters	22	Wilmington, Mass.	Tel Operator
			Mary Agnes Donnelly	32	Westford, Mass.	At Home
22	Sept. 26	Boston, Mass.	Albert Winfield Lane	32	Wilmington, Mass.	Laborer
			Susie Sivaeck	21	Tewksbury, Mass.	Waiter
23	Oct. 30	Wilmington, Mass.	Frederick Edward Day	25	Wilmington, Mass.	Salesman
			Ruth Felicitas Connors	23	No. Woburn, Mass.	At Home
24	Nov. 21	Wilmington, Mass.	Charles Frederic Waite	32	Wilmington, Mass.	Mechanic
			Gracie Evelyn Dudley (Seavey)	23	No. Reading, Mass.	At Home
25	Nov. 25	Wilmington, Mass.	Marciano Caggiano	29	Stoughton, Mass.	Factory Operative
			Antonetter Venuti	19	No. Woburn, Mass.	Factory Operative
26	Dec. 23	Woburn, Mass.	Philip H. Jones	21	Wilmington, Mass.	Chemist
			Leona Celia Phillips	17	Woburn, Mass.	Student
27	Dec. 31	Wilmington, Mass.	Wallace Wyman Perkins	25	Woburn Mass.	Teacher
			Theresa Mary Mallon	21	Woburn, Mass.	At Home

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON
For the Year 1926

No.	Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
1	Jan. 5	John F. Tebbets	68	5	26	Pneumonokonessis
2	Jan. 10	Mary Eliza Parker	83	11	13	Acute Bronchitis
3	Jan. 10	Louis Stavroulakis	—	8	6	Broncho Pneumonia
4	Jan. 14	Oscar E. Headberg	22	11	—	Suicide by Illuminating Gas
5	Feb. 14	Emma F. Fortis	71	1	6	Valvular Disease of Heart
6	Feb. 15	Emma Walton	67	2	21	Cancer of Intestines
7	Feb. 18	James J. Casaletto	33	3	23	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
8	Feb. 19	William J. Thompson	73	10	6	Cancer of Lip
9	Feb. 20	Charles R. Morse	74	4	8	Dilatation of Heart
10	Feb. 25	John J. Matten	79	—	—	Exposure, starvation & neglect
11	Feb. 26	Jeremiah Doucette	79	11	6	Cerebral Hemorrhage
12	Mar. 23	Anna M. Schulter	68	5	6	Broncho Pneumonia
13	Mar. 26	Manford O. Dexter	52	—	—	Railroad and Auto Collision
14	Mar. 26	Elizabeth Dexter	52	—	—	Railroad and Auto Collision
15	Mar. 29	Edward Manning Holt	76	—	—	Broncho Pneumonia
16	April 1	Jesse Lorenzo Warner	71	11	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17	April 6	William Manning	63	—	—	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis
18	April 12	Sarah French	76	—	—	Arteriosclerosis
19	April 21	Herbert A. Clough	55	7	11	Heart Disease
20	April 27	Elizabeth White	89	2	11	Tuberculosis of Throat
21	May 4	Catherine A. Nee	33	2	12	Septicaemia, cellulitis of neck
22	May 5	Richard Stewart	25	—	—	Judicial Homicide
23	May 5	James W. Harlow	88	4	19	Cancer of Prostate
24	June 1	John W. Perry	78	10	18	Cancer omentum
25	June 1	Daniel T. Buzzell	7	7	16	Septicaemia, mastoid operation
26	June 7	Hanora Denehy	73	5	3	Intestinal Obstruction
27	June 8	Dorothy Lillian Harris	—	4	20	Gastro Ententis
28	June 8	———Coe	—	—	14	Prematurity
29	June 13	Alfred A. Kedy	75	3	4	Apoplexy
30	June 15	Frederick H. Barnes	—	4	20	Broncho Pneumonia
31	June 25	Frank E. Dame	45	—	—	Acturomycosis
32	June 29	Grace C. Jarvis	—	5	2	Strangulation
33	June 30	Anna Johnson	36	5	16	Cronic Phtisis
34	July 12	Merville M. Harris	79	1	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
35	July 24	Ruth E. Hansen	—	—	4	Thermic Fever
36	July 26	Elizabeth Edwards Gazette	70	4	8	Mitral Regurgitation
37	July 28	Mary Victoria Jones	39	4	13	Gastro Enteritis
38	Aug. 7	Michael F. O'Brien	76	—	—	Carcinoma
39	Aug. 10	Henry J. Sefton	60	9	9	Accidental Drowning
40	Aug. 12	Marie Faustina Kinsdell	—	10	—	Gastro Enteritis
41	Aug. 12	Minnie Russell	31	—	—	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
42	Aug. 16	Sarah R. Nickles	88	10	2	Natural Causes, Myocardial insufficiency
43	Aug. 20	Joseph E. Doyle	31	7	20	Tuberculosis of Lungs
44	Aug. 22	Walter Thomas Martin	17	6	—	Fracture of Cervical Vertebrae
45	Aug. 30	Winifred Claire Hellman	2	9	14	Cervical Adentis
46	Sept. 11	John N. Orcutt	79	11	1	Cerebral Embolism
47	Sept. 12	Jacob V. Itzkovitz	18	—	—	Accidental Drowning
48	Sept. 13	Patrick McMahon	75	—	—	Chronic Bronchitis
49	Sept. 17	Mary Elizabeth Alden	27	8	9	Myocarditis
50	Sept. 18	Mary E. Woods	78	—	—	Cerebral Embolism
51	Sept. 21	Maria E. Holt	9	11	15	Summer Grippe
52	Sept. 26	Edson Peppard	77	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON—Continued
For the Year 1926

No.	Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age Y.	M.	D.	Cause of Death
53	Oct. 8	Emily Hahr Carlson	60	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
54	Oct. 20	James P. A. Higgins	64	7	7	Cancer of Liver
55	Oct. 24	Mary Taylor	70	—	—	Intestinal Obstruction
56	Oct. 24	George Carey	44	—	—	Tuberculosis of Lungs
57	Oct. 27	Ruth E. McArdle	—	—	15	Gastro Enteritis
58	Nov. 17	Edwin J. R. Richards	—	9	14	Broncho Pneumonia
59	Nov. 22	Ellen E. Spaulding	79	8	12	Apoplexy
60	Nov. 26	Eber P. Melzar	74	—	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage
61	Nov. 30	Cecelia Oxner	63	8	16	Chronic Myocarditis
62	Dec. 6	Jessie Constancio	2	8	9	Natural Causes followed by convulsions
63	Dec. 8	Barbara Marilyn White	—	—	21	Erysipelas of Liver
64	Dec. 19	Anna Maria Mulvin	30	11	24	Shock from Placental Meninges
65	Dec. 29	Esther E. Nichols	73	5	11	Aortic Regurgitation
66	Dec. 30	Frances M. Clapham	55	3	13	Cerebral Hemorrhage

THE FOLLOWING NON-RESIDENTS WERE BURIED IN WILMINGTON:—

NAME	AGE Years	Months	Days	Date of Death	Place
Alice M. Foley	38	9	18	Jan. 4	Boston
Anna Bertha Atton	—	1	9	Jan. 6	Medford
Sadie A. Thompson	—	5	28	Jan. 11	Wakefield
Marcia H. Perkins	72	—	—	Jan. 12	Cambridge
Mary Libby Abot Hart	91	9	3	Jan. 24	Burlington, Vt.
Henry L. Sheldon	61	6	17	Feb. 11	Fairfield, Me.
Belle E. Carter	68	0	25	Dec. 7, 1925	Somerville

RECAPITULATION

Births registered in 1926	84
Males	43
Females	41
Marriages registered in 1926	27
Deaths registered in 1926	70
Males	37
Females	33
Dog License Account:	
Number of Licenses issued	357
By Cash paid County Treasurer	$850.40
Account of printed Records Births, Marriages and Deaths:	
Number on hand Jan. 1, 1926	183
Number on hand Jan. 1, 1927	180

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. KELLEY,

Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk will furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives, applying therefor, blanks for returns of births as required by law.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY, 1926

Assessors' Valuation 1926

Real Estate	$3,133,005.00
Personal Estate	378,292.00
Amount of Tax assessed including overlay	122,060.94
State Tax Assessed	5,400.00
State Highway Tax Assessed	794.60
Fire Prevention Tax Assessed	37.96
Moth Tax (State) Assessed	282.29
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax	162.15
Tuberculosis Tax	75.69
County Tax Assessed	4,380.90
Town Tax Assessed	110,612.52
Moth Tax (Town)	711.40
Number of Polls Assessed	986
Rate of Taxation per 1,000	34.20

Schedule of Town Property

School Houses and Lots	$62,500.00
Town Farm	4,500.00
Town Hall, Lot and Fire Alarm equipment	3,500.00
Cemetery Land and Lots	2,500.00
Cemetery Tool House and Tools	200.00
Public Library Building and Lot	1,500.00
Contents Public Library	2,800.00
Highway Tools and Machinery	4,000.00
Furniture in Town Hall	400.00
Nine Safes	1,700.00
Engine House, Lockup and Lot	3,000.00
Three Motor Fire Trucks	6,000.00
Hose, Ladders, Shovels, etc	1,500.00
Moth Building and Lot	600.00
Sprayers and Fixtures	2,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Outfit	275.00
Common and Flag Staff	2,000.00
Police Equipment	200.00
Land Account of Tax Sales	9,635.00
	$108,810.00

JAMES E. KELLEY,
J. HOWARD EAMES,
ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE,
Assessors of Wilmington.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit the following report of the work of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Number of arrests	51
Males	47
Females	4
Residents	18
Non-residents	33

Causes of Arrest

Violation of the liquor laws	12
Drunks	13
Delinquency	4
Violation of the automobile laws	11
Peddling without a license	2
Disturbing the peace	3
Gambling on the Lord's Day	5
Larceny	2
Bastardy	1
Insane	1
Stubborn child	1

Disposition of Cases

House of Correction	2
Suspended sentence, House of Correction	5
Probation	5
Placed on file	7
Turned over to the Boston Police	1
Tewksbury State Hospital	1
Number of fines imposed	22
Amount of fines imposed	$855.00
Appealed cases	3
Cases investigated	19
Search warrants	17
Amount of stolen property recovered	$3,400.00
Dogs killed	34

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WALTER A. HILL,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my 7th annual report as Chief of the Fire Department. The department answered calls for the past year (1926) which are as follows:

Buildings	14
Chimneys	20
Automobiles	1
Trucks	2
Brush	113
Trees, caused by electric wires	6
False alarms	2

Jan. 27—Still, Hanover St. Chimney, Charles Rice. No damage.

Feb. 2—Still, Lowell St. Chimney, Mr. Morgan. No damage.

Feb. 3—Still, Glen Road. Chimney, Samuel Cole. No damage.

Feb. 5—Still, Main St. Chimney, Stanley Malone. No damage.

Feb. 24—Still, Cottage St. Chimney, Wm. Babine. No damage.

Feb. 23—Box 41, West St. Cottage owned by E. G. Smith. Value $350. Insurance on same $600. Value contents, $500. No insurance on contents. Damage to contents, $25. Damage to cottage, $15.

Mar. 1—Still, Main St. Chimney. No damage.

Mar. 3—Still, Woburn St. Chimney, Mrs. Amy Rhine. No damage.

Mar. 19—Still, Main St. Chimney, Mrs. McIntosh. No damage.

Mar. 19—Still, Salem St. Chimney, C. W. Nichols. No damage.

Apr. 18—Box 24, Middlesex Ave. Roof fire, C. S. Harriman, owner. No damage.

Apr. 18—Still, Middlesex Ave. Chimney, Martin Nee. No damage.

Apr. 20—Still, Clark St. Chimney, W. L. Hale. No damage.

Apr. 23—Still, Main St. Ford Sedan, owner Harold Chandler, South Boston. Value $500. Insurance on same, $350. Damage, $100.

May 7—Still, Border Ave. Small cottage. Value $100.

May 19—Still, Woburn St. Chimney, Willis Carter. No damage.

May 25—Still, Tewksbury Line. Small cottage.

June 8—Still, Burlington Ave. Small cottage. Value $15.

June 8—Still, Burlington Line. Small cottage. Value $150. Value contents, $100. No insurance.

June 15—Still, Cottage St., Silver Lake. Chimney. No damage.

June 28—Still, Andover St. Chimney, Mr. Curl. No damage.

June 29—Still, Shawsheen Ave. Small camp. Value $15.

July 5—Box 38, Woburn St. Hay house, Harold Fay. Value $300. No insurance.

July 5—Box 18, Ballardvale St. Barn, Herbert Foskett. Value $500. Value contents, $600. Insurance on barn $150. No insurance on contests.

July 9—Still, Nichols St. Chimney, Harriet Whitcomb. No damage.

July 9—Box 86, Swain Road. House owned by Wm. McDonald. Value $2,000. Value contents, $2,800. Insurance on house, $3,000. No insurance on contents.

Aug. 2—Box 73, Grove Ave. Cottage owned by Mr. Griffin, Cambridge, Mass. Value $850. Insurance on same, $1,700. Damage $10. Value contents, $800. Damage to same, $20. No insurance on contents.

Sept. 16—Box 73, Main St. Silver Lake Pool Room, Jos. Cote. No damage.

Sept. 20—Still, Church St., Chimney, E. N. Eames. No damage.

Sept. 29—Still, Main St., Reo Truck, Jos. Coneau, Stoneham, Mass. Value of truck $700.

Sept. 29—Still, Main St., Truck, Frank Perry, Lowell, Mass. Value $700. Insurance on same $500. Damage $50.

Nov. 7—Box 81—Aldrich Road, C. J. Bonsfield, Small Barn. Value $120. Insurance on same $500. Value of contents $25. No insurance on contents.

Nov. 11—Box 47—North Woburn Line. House. Bert Bullard. Value $500. Insurance on same $1,000. Value of contents $1,000. No insurance on contents.

Nov. 8—Still, Lowell St., Truck, Chas. Blaisdell. No damage.

Dec. 8—Still, Beacon St., Chimney, Chas. White. No damage.

Dec. 19—Still, Burlington Ave., Chimney, Miss Georgie Crockett. No damage.

Value of building totally destroyed	$4,825.00
Damage to buildings by fire	25.00
Value of buildings not destroyed by fire	4,200.00
Value of contents	5,975.00
Damage to contents	45.00

ROLL OF DEPARTMENT

E. L. Day, *Chief*
W. W. Rice, *Captain*
J. F. Muse, *Lieut.*
C. T. Horton, *Clerk*
L. F. Call
R. Porter
L. Waterman
F. A. Cady
Chas. Black
Carrol Horton

Oliver McGrane, *Asst. Chief*
H. R. Pratt
H. M. Horton
Geo. Fuller
W. A. Hill
J. J. O'Leary
N. W. Perry
W. A. Sheldon
Ernest Downing
Gould Buckle

Hose laid .....1,500 feet
Chemical used .....2,375 gallons
Fire Permits given out..... 378

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. DAY, *Chief.*

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures during the year.

Work of the department as follows:—

Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs	2
Number of platform scales under 5,000 lbs	18
Number of counter scales	10
Number of beam scales under 100 lbs	2
Number of spring balance scales over 100 lbs	6
Number of spring balance scales under 100 lbs	28
Number of computing scales under 100 lbs	17
Number of personal weighing scales	3
Number of weights avoirdupois	77
Number of liquid measures	103
Number of kerosene measuring pumps	4
Number of oil measuring pumps	33
Number of gasolene measuring pumps	21
Number of gasolene pumps condemned	14
Number of scales condemned	1
Number of personal weighing scales condemned	2
Number of clinical thermometers inspected	6
Number of pedlers' licenses inspected	16
Number of cases in court found guilty	2
Fees collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer	$42.02
Total expense of department	$190.10

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST R. CURRIER, *Sealer.*

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Wilmington, Mass., Dec. 31, 1926.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit a report of the Building Inspection Department from April 1st to December 31st, 1926.

Total number of permits granted, 128:

Dwellings	31	Estimated	value	$98,000.00
Garages	23	"	"	5,315.00
Cottages	26	"	"	16,400.00
Roadstands	2	"	"	4,800.00
Stable	1	"	"	300.00
Filling Station	3	"	"	2,500.00
Hen Houses	5	"	"	605.00
Alterations	37	"	"	19,410.00
Total	128			$147,330.00
91 new construction	@$1.00			$91.00
37 alterations	@ .50			8.50
				$109.50

The above fees of $109.50 were collected and turned over to Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER T. HORTON,

Building Inspector.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Honorable Board of Trustees:

I herewith submit my annual report as Librarian.

Public documents received, 12 volumes.

Number of new books purchased during the year, 162 volumes.

A valuable book on Elementary Economics written by F. A. Fairchild, E. S. Furniss and N. S. Buck, published in two volumes, has been presented by Norman S. Buck.

Three books have been presented by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Woodman: Arctic Explorations: The Panama Canal and Battle Field and Prison Pen.

One book from Mrs. Mildred Neilson: The First State Normal School in America; also six books from other friends.

One book lost by a borrower for a time has been returned.

Number of books not returned by borrowers, 10 volumes.

Number of books lost to library on account of contagious diseases, 15 volumes.

Number of objectionable books taken out of library, 8 volumes.

Miss E. Louise Jones, Field Secretary of the State Division of Public Libraries, assisted by the Librarian, went through the library and took out books and pamphlets it was thought best not to keep longer; also discarded of the catalogued books those worn out and those considered of no value to the library, 1,080 volumes.

Of the catalogued books five have been replaced with books previously given by friends and some others will probably be replaced later. Six have been placed with Town books.

Later the Vital Records, numbering 169 volumes, were taken from the library and sent to the State Library.

Number of books repaired by Miss Kingman, 376 volumes.

Number of books in library, 5,561 volumes.

Number of books taken out during the year, 11,180 volumes.

Number of persons taking out books, 693.

A change has been made in the way the books are catalogued: the Cutter System has been dropped and only the Dewey numbers used.

The genealogy of Henry Blanchard has been given by his daughter, Miss Margaret Blanchard.

The reading table has been supplied from the Town appropriation with the following magazines: "Radio News," "Popular Science," "Scientific American," "Popular Mechanics," "National Sportsman," "Outdoor America," "Nature Magazine," "National Geographic," "American," "Country Gentleman," "Flower Grower," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Youths' Companion," "St. Nicholas," "American Boy" and "Saturday Evening Post."

Some others contributed by friends are "Our Dumb Animals," "Dearborn Independent," "Bell Telephone Quarterly" and "Specialty Salesman."

The Boy Scouts have given "Boy's Life," beginning with the February number until about January, 1930.

"The Christian Science Monitor" has been given for six months, the first copy received for August 23.

Received for fines on books	$89.51
Received for books lost and ruined	3.45
Received from J. Riseman for lamp sold him	.25
Received from J. Riseman for books, papers and pamphlets sold him	6.75
Passed in to the Town Treasurer	$99.96

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA T. SHELDON,

Librarian.

LIST OF NEW BOOKS

Purchased for the Library for the Year 1926

Fiction

Juliet Is Twenty	Jane Abbott
The Cutters	Bess S. Aldrich
Lone Hand	James B. Ames
Three Ships in Azure	Irvin Anthony
Man the Women Loved	Ruby M. Ayres
Blue Window	Temple Bailey
Green Dolphin	Sara Ware Bassett
Little White Hag	Francis Beeding
Lord Raingo	Arnold Bennett
Judy's Man	Helen Berges
Black Thunder	B. M. Bower
Fire Brain	Max Brand
Early Autumn	Louis Bromfield
Dancing Floor	James Buchan
Hangman's House	Donn Byrne
Sporting Chance	Margaret Cameron
Her Son's Wife	Dorothy Canfield
Pride of the Town	D. W. Carman
Ghost of Gallow's Hill	S. H. Cauffman
Lunatic in Charge	J. S. Clouston
Death at Swaythling Court	J. J. Connington
Inspector French's Greatest Case	F. W. Crofts
Child of the North	Ridgwell Cullum
Friends of Mr. Sweeney	Elmer Davis
When the Fight Begins	Holman Day
Sorrell and Son	Warwick Deeping
Man Under Authority	Ethel M. Dell
Long Arm of the Mounted	James F. Dorrance
Crooked Cross	Charles J. Dutton
Valor of the Range	Laurie G. Erskine
After Noon	Susan Ertz
High Adventure	Jeffery Farnol
Amaranth Club	J. S. Fletcher
Great Brighton Mystery	J. S. Fletcher
Renegade	Arthur O. Friel
Treasure Royal	William Garrett
West Wind	Crosbie Garstin
Labels	A. H. Gibbs
Unchanging Quest	Philip Gibbs
Treading the Winepress	Charles Gordon
Desert Thoroughbred	Jackson Gregory
Vanishing American	Zane Grey
Lost Pearl	Francis D. Grierson
Sleeping Dogs	Mabel Barnes Grundy

Treasure of the Lake	H. Rider Haggard
Flapper Anne	Corra Harris
That Washington Affair	James Hay, Jr.
Downey of the Mounted	James B. Hendryx
Unearthly	Robert Hickens
A New Name	Grace Livingston Hill
Ariel Custer	Grace Livingston Hill
Comin' Through the Rye	Grace Livingston Hill
Elizabeth Tower	Margaret W. Jackson
Great Valley	Mary Johnston
Rodomont	H. Bedford Jones
Miss Blake's Husband	Elizabeth Jordan
Missing Island	Oswald Kendall
Carterets Cure	Richard Kaverne
Viaduct Murder	Ronald A. Knox
Big Mogul	Joseph C. Lincoln
Man with the Scar	John Lornas
What Really Happened	Marie B. Lowndes
Kindling and Ashes	G. B. McCutcheon
Seventh Passenger	Alice MacGowan and P. Newberry
Wrong Letter	W. S. Masterman
Ordeal by Marriage	Colcordia Merrel
Ships of Ishtar	A. Merritt
Dancer and the Friar	E. P. Metous
It Happened in Peking	Louise J. Miln
Miss Tiverton Goes Out	
Miss Jeffrey's Neighborhood	Luly L. Montgomery
Silk Coquette	Edwin B. Morris
Bar 20 Rides Again	C. E. Mulford
Hopalong Cassidy's Protege	C. E. Mulford
Black Flemings	Kathleen Norris
Hildegarde	Kathleen Norris
Shepherds	Marie C. Oemler
Harvey Gerrard's Crime	E. P. Oppenhein
Prodigals of Monte Carlo	E. P. Oppenheim
Red Ledger	Frank L. Packard
Penfold Adventure	Ralph D. Paine
Tomorrow's Tangle	Margaret Pedler
Harry Idaho	Hugh Pendexter
Major Dane's Garden	M. F. Perham
Fourth Norwood	R. E. Pinkerton
Son of the House	Anthony Pryde
Bonanza	William M. Raine
Elope If You Must	E. J. Rath
When the Devil Was Sick	E. J. Rath
Threshold of Fear	Arthur J. Rees
The Bat	Mary R. Rinehart and A. Hopwood
Bellarion, the Fortunate	Rafael Sabatini
Gates of Doom	Rafael Sabatini
Red Gods Call	C. E. Scoggins
Gentleman from Virginia	Charles A. Seltzer
Keller's Anna Ruth	Elsie Singmaster
Silent Six	Austin J. Small
House of Crimson Shadows	H. deVere Stacpoole

Sword Play	Charles B. Stilson
Teeftallow	T. S. Stribling
Riders of the Wind	Elswyth Thane
Poison	Lee Trayer
Hounds of Spring	Sylvia Thompson
Mr. Bottleby Does Something	E. T. Thurston
Madame Judas	Margaret Turnbull
Read Ride Hard	Louis J. Vance
Golden Key	Henry Van Dyke
Blue Hand	Edgar Wallace
Sinister Man	Edgar Wallace
Strange Countess	Edgar Wallace
Dower House Mystery	Patricia Wentworth
The Buster	W. P. White
Dean and Jecinora	Victor L. Whitechurch
Uprooted	Brand Whitlock
Gallant Lady	Margaret Widdemer
Key Man	Valentine Williams
Mr. Ramosi	Valentine Williams
We Must March	Honore Willsie
Days of '49	Gordon Young
Vengeance of Hurricane Williams	Gordon Young

Juvenile Fiction

Gay's Lear at Sunset Island	Marguerite Aspinwall
Pud Pringle, Pirate	R. H. Barbour
Last Play	R. H. Barbour
Winning Year	R. H. Barbour
Spunk, Leader of the Dog Team	Arthur C. Bartlett
At Bon View	Gladys Blake
June Duncan	Amy E. Blanchard
Under the Rowan Tree	Abbie F. Brown
Andover Way	Claude M. Fuess
Red Lynx	Capt. Charles Gilson
Hilda of the Three Star Ranch	P. Ginther
Happy-thought Story Book	B. M. Hall
Beloved Acres	J. H. Hamlin
Island Farm	Hildegarde Hawthorne
Prairie Treasure	Chares A. Hoyt
Prydehurst	Hammel Johnson
Dorothea's Double	Margaret Johnson
Smuggler's Island	Clarissa A. Kneeland
Doctor Dolittle's Caravan	Hugh Lofting
Ade of the Marcy Mounted	T. M. Longstreth
Bascom Chest	Alfred F. Loomis
Cobblecorners	Zillah K. Macdonald
English Oak and Spanish Gold	T. A. H. Mawhinney
Sword of the House of de Marillac	T. A. H. Mawhinney
Boy Explorers in the Pirate Archipelago	Warren H. Miller
American Twins of the Revolution	Lucy F. Perkins
Secret of Hallowdene Farm	Doris Pocock
Summer at Hallowdene Farm	Doris Pocock
John and Susanne	Edith B. Price

Secret of Tate's Beach	A. H. Seaman
Spirit of Menlo	Earl R. Silvers
Eveli, the Little Singer	Johanna Spyri
Fairy of Intra	Johanna Spyri
Aloft in the Shenandoah II	Lewis E. Theiss
Way to Burning Mountain	Dillon Wallace
Mystery of Sun Dial Court	Martha Wickes
Larry of the North	Edward H. Williams

Miscellaneous

B—Saga of Billy, the Kid	Walter N. Burnes
B—Life of Abraham Lincoln in Verse	Stella T. Mathews
914—Sailing Across Europe	Negley Farson
919.8—Black Sunlight	Earl Rossman
j920—Little Stories of Famous Explorers	Laura A. Large

REPORT OF THE WORK DONE BY THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON

For the Year 1926

An appropriation of $200 was made at the annual meeting in support of the Middlesex County Extension Service, through the County Board of Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture. The following is an account of the work done by this organization in Wilmington for the year 1926:

In agriculture most of the work done this year has been giving individual service to those who have made requests. Information has been given on testing soils, and recommendations made in regard to the growing of alfalfa and clover. One farmer receives monthly visits from the cow test agent, who keeps accurate records on milk production and feed costs.

In home making a series of meetings was held for those interested in food selection—this group was made up of home-makers and high school girls. The purpose of the project is to help in the selection and preparation of foods for the family, with special reference to its influence on health.

In the boys' and girls' 4-H Club activities work was carried on in food, canning, poultry and garden clubs. One hundred thirty-eight boys and girls were enrolled under the local leadership of nine people. Alice Henxman won third prize in the county-wide room beautiful contest. Dorothy Hathaway and Marjorie Ireland were awarded a two-day trip to the Massachusetts Agricultural College for outstanding club work. An Achievement Club program was put on at which the boys and girls exhibited the results of their season's work and told of the benefits of club work. Club members in this Town were in competition with 3,690 boys and girls of Middlesex County.

Several country-wide meetings were conducted, such as the county picnic at the Market Garden Field Station, the annual meeting of the Extension Service at Waltham, and sectional meetings of fruit-growers and poultrymen. These were attended by many Wilmington people.

ERNEST R. CURRIER, *Director.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Wilmington:

The Board of Health herewith submits its annual report.

The number of contagious diseases reported to this Board for the year 1926 is as follows:

Measles	3
Scarlet fever	6
Diphtheria	8

The Board of Health has been called upon to collect the garbage in the Silver Lake District in the summer months. We believe this work should be carried on each year as a safeguard to public health.

In accordance with the vote of the Town at the annual meeting $1,000 has been expended for public health work under the direction of the Board of Health Agent and the Public Health Nurse.

The work of the District Nurse is as follows:

Nursing visits	1,069
Infant Welfare visits	165
Prenatal visits	76
Tuberculosis visits	6
Child Welfare visits	104
Social Service visits	175
Attendance at clinics	11
Other visits	80
Hospital visits	24
Total	1,710

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. PERRY, *Chairman*,
CARL S. PETTENGILL,
WALTER L. HALE,
D. T. BUZZELL, M.D., *Agent*,
Board of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Together with the Report of

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For the year ending December 31, 1926

School Committee

Peter Neilson	Term expires 1928
Alfred S. Allen	Term expires 1928
Helen H. Buck	Term expires 1929
Olivia H. Norcross	Term expires 1929
John W. Hathaway	Term expires 1927
Harry W. De Loriea	Term expires 1927

Superintendent of Schools

STEPHEN G. BEAN

School Physician

DANIEL T. BUZZELL, M. D.

School Calendar

January 3—Winter Term begins.
February 18—Winter Term ends.

Vacation—One week.

February 29—Winter-Spring Term begins.
April 15—Winter-Spring Term ends.

Vacation—One week.

April 25—Spring Term begins.
June 17—Spring Term ends for Elementary School.
June 24—Spring Term ends for High School.

Vacation—Ten weeks.

Sept. 7—Fall Term begins.
Dec. 23—Fall Term ends.
Holidays—Jan. 1, Feb. 22, April 19, Oct. 12, Nov. 24-25,

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Wilmington:

The public schools of Wilmington continue to grow. September, 1925, saw an increase of seventy-five in attendance; September, 1926, brought an increase of fifty. The total enrolment has been 825. The more recent increase has been comfortably taken care of by opening the West School as a district school for the four lower grades and by enlarging the little school held in the Town Hall into a double class with two teachers.

We now have two district schools—the West School and the South School. On the other hand, the other schools are now organized on a grade basis for the first time, with the exception of just one room.

In spite of the growth in the schools, the appropriation made at the town meeting in March, 1926, proved sufficient for all needs and the committee takes pleasure in calling attention to the fact that it closes this year with an unexpended balance of about $600. This balance is the result of careful figuring on every line of expenditure. The average expense for the year was only a little in excess of $60 per pupil. This is lower than the average expense for the Commonwealth and much lower than the average expense in our surrounding towns.

The committee believes that this result has been achieved by the creation of a well-organized and efficient body of teachers and employees to whom the committee wishes, at this time, to express its gratitude for services rendered.

The organization of the schools seems to become more permanent as time goes on. Gradual increases of pay make it possible to retain our teachers for longer periods of service and so become a good investment. It should be borne in mind that the state reimburses the town for a part of such increases.

The transportation of pupils continues to be in the hands of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company. The service has grown so that now three buses are employed all the time. The cost of the third bus, so far, has not been very great.

Some of the School Committee, and perhaps all of them, believe the time has now come when in the Wilmington High School something definite should be done about physical culture training for all the scholars. The best educational authorities are not satisfied with the usual form of school athletics because such athletics train only a few of the more vigorous students who need it less than the rest, but believe that some way should be found to build up the bodily health and strength of all the students, and that participation in such physical culture should be made compulsory. Military drill for boys is a partial answer to this need, and the benefits which it can confer outweigh any sentimental objections. It is not so easy to provide training for the girls, but with a proper instructor, this need can also be met.

It should be borne in mind that physical training does not necessarily call for expensive gymnasium apparatus. The splendid Swedish gymnastics, with which some of us are familiar, and of which we recently saw a good exhibition in Wilmington, are practised with very little apparatus and at nominal expense. It is to be hoped that within another year we can have a physical culture teacher in the Wilmington schools.

The work of improving the High School building has gone on, and substantial repairs have recently been made to the interior walls. The committee believes the building now to be in good condition.

A new system of sewerage disposal has been planned for the High and Centre Schools, which will probably be installed by the time this report is published.

The Centre School should now receive our attention. It needs repainting inside and out.

The roof of the Walker School leaks and must be reshingled this year.

The cost of supplying drinking water to the pupils now amounts to a substantial sum each year. Wilmington needs a public water supply badly, and the Wilmington schools need it very badly.

It is to be expected that the school population of Wilmington will continue to increase. A new schoolhouse is needed now, and will be more urgently needed in the near future. If it cannot be built this year, financial provision should be made for restoring the North Schoolhouse for use in September. Even that can give only temporary relief.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HATHAWAY,
HELEN H. BUCK,
OLIVIA H. NORCROSS,
HARRY W. DeLORIEA,
ALFRED S. ALLEN.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Wilmington,

Ladies and Gentlemen: The following is my third Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools for this town. As is customary, I shall endeavor to state as briefly as possible the condition and growth of the schools of the town as they appear to me.

General

This year of 1926 has marked within its span one of the most significant changes that has come to the local school system in many years. Although marked by one step of retrogression the period has seen a remarkable advance in educational growth. And the wonder of it is that so great a change has been made without being the cause of increased expenditure of money.

During the first six months of the year, which were the closing months of a school year, our schools were operating under a plan of organization whereby every elementary teacher in town had two or more grades in her room. In many cases there were forty-five or more children in these two grades.

This may not mean much to the lay mind, but to those of us who are in daily contact with the problems of the schoolroom, forty-five pupils in two separate grades with a single teacher gives promise of a real job. Of course this is only half as much of a problem as that of forty-five pupils in four grades. But, then, no really up-to-date system has any such, except in emergencies.

Given, then, a condition whereby twelve teachers have classes of two or more grades and of inordinately large size, and substitute for this a system whereby only three teachers in the town are teaching a room of more than one grade. The result, really, is most significant for the future welfare of Wilmington's school children. And not only was the number of grades per teacher reduced, but the number of children in a class was also made smaller.

The first step in the plan was the removal of all primary grades from the Center School. In their place were installed all of the sixth grade pupils of the town. To make this possible a double first grade was placed in the Town Hall. The pupils of the other three grades were distributed through the classes of the Walker School.

The removal of the sixth grades from the Walker and Whitefield Schools gave an opportunity to reassign grades in both of these buildings. With a little careful planning it was found possible to arrange every class but one in these two buildings, so that no teacher had more than one grade. The one exception was that of the third and fourth grades in the Walker School. Even this could have been avoided, but it would have involved unnecessary hardship for several children.

It is particularly interesting that this was done in spite of an influx of fifty more children in total enrollment than at the close of the school year in June. Of course, it is true that we were forced to take our one step backward and open the West School with four grades and a single teacher. But this would have been necessary in any event, simply to accommodate the increased enrollment.

We had, then, in September, 83 per cent of the elementary pupils in single grade rooms, 6 per cent in a two-grade room, and the remaining 11 per cent in rooms containing four grades. This may be contrasted with 94 per cent in two-grade rooms and 6 per cent in a four-grade room under the old plan. Evidently 83 per cent of the children had a vastly improved opportunity, 12 per cent were no worse off, and 5 per cent had lost by the whole combination of circumstances. This 5 per cent, who had suffered in a theoretical group, would have been much larger had no change been made.

Another great advantage gained by the change was the gathering of the sixth and seventh grades in the Center School, thus keeping children of nearly the same age group together, rather than grouping primary and grammar grade children in the same building. Recess periods are much simplified by this arrangement and the small children are far safer.

Conditions in the eighth grade and the High School were further improved by giving Miss Swain the services of a full-time assistant, thus relieving Miss Crockett for full-time service in the Commercial Department of the High School.

Lest a wrong impression be left by what has been said earlier of our four-grade rooms, I wish to go on record in saying that since we are obliged by circumstances to maintain such schools temporarily, it is fortunate that we have such a type of teachers for these schools as Miss Janes and Mrs. Eames. Both of these schools are functioning as well as such schools ever can. But both of these teachers are fully cognizant of the limitations of this type of school in meeting the requirements of modern education. The pity is that unless some better solution appears, as a result of the report of the committee on new building, we shall be forced to open up another of these abandoned buildings next Fall.

Such procedure will be, as it is now, manifestly unfair to those children who are obliged to attend these schools. Equality of opportunity cannot be present when 80 per cent of the children are in single grade rooms and 20 per cent in four-grade rooms. The lack of justice of this is appreciated by parents of pupils in the four-grade rooms. Many of them every year ask to have their children placed in one of the schools of better opportunity. A just if not reasonable suggestion is sometimes made by parents as follows: "Why not make some of the children from ——— School come down here for two of the four years, and give our children a chance." This may seem unreasonable, but is it not just?

There is just one way to give justice to all, or if you like, call it equality of opportunity, that is by providing accommodations for the children now in these multiple grade rooms. This would require a new building, and not a small building either. A six-room building could be filled today with children who are not properly placed,

including the eighth-grade pupils, who are cramping the high school facilities. The following figures show the facts.

Pupils enrolled below High School	700	pupils
Maximum number allowed in a class	40	pupils
Number of classrooms now needed	17½	rooms
Number of proper classrooms available	12	rooms
Immediate shortage of accommodations	5½	rooms
Probable increase (based on experience)	60	pupils
Rooms required in addition	1½	
Rooms needed in September 1927 (additional)	7	

It is even possible that an eighth room will be required to house an opportunity class if the forthcoming clinic shows that we are required to support such a class.

If no building is provided and the fifty or sixty extra pupils appear in the Fall that experience leads us to expect, we will be forced to open the North School at considerable expense. That tides over one year. Again in the succeeding year a similar situation may exist with the East School as another backward step. THEN WHAT? The situation recalls that familiar advertising slogan, "Eventually, why not now?"

Two important additions to equipment have been made during the year. In the High School library steel shelving has been placed. Late in the year an Acme Moving Picture projector was purchased as equipment for work in visual education, one of the most recent and effective of educational methods.

Two new sports have been added to our physical program. Football has been revived after a lapse of several years, and field hockey has been introduced for the girls. This last mentioned sport, it is hoped, will be taught to all girls in the seven upper grades of the system. Full equipment has been provided by the Committee and a reasonable amount of enthusiasm shown by the pupils. The field at our disposal is better than could ordinarily be expected in a small town.

Better provision should be made for the physical education of the children. Next year should see installed a regular supervisor or teacher of Physical Education. And this does not mean simply a teacher of gymnastics. Physical Education should mean something greater and better than this. It should supplement the work of the School Nurse and School Physician. It should cure by prevention some of the evils of posture and carriage of our children. And it should TEACH CHILDREN TO PLAY.

Progress towards unification of textbooks has been steady during the year, and improvement in the type of books in use has been made. Texts not suited to our type of organization are being changed gradually. Within the next two years all children should reach the High School with practically equal and similar preparation, the only difference being that due to individual peculiarities.

School Plant

Most of the major units of the school plant are in good physical condition. The one bad feature in several cases is the matter of

sewage disposal. This is to be remedied for the Center and High Schools as soon as seasonal conditions permit. The present difficulty lies in the fact that existing cesspools are of inadequate size to meet the conditions produced by the increased enrollment in the schools.

In outward appearance the Center School shows need of care. Here the need is not structural. It is a case of need of protection from the ravages of the elements. Paint and putty would work a complete transformation.

A good work has been started on the inside of the High School. Some of the walls have been given a tinting and the burlap along the lower portions of all walls has been repaired and repainted. This will be completed during the coming year.

Our greatest difficulty is that the whole school plant is full to capacity. An influx of even twenty-five new pupils next September will require more seating space than is now available. And if the forthcoming psychological clinic shows the need of a special class for abnormally retarded pupils, another room will be needed at once. Under such conditions even the opening of the North School will not meet the immediate needs.

Teaching Corps

Several changes have taken place in the corps of teachers during the year, but as a whole we have held our organization in its condition of general excellence.

At the commencement of the calendar year Miss Frances Hindenlang came to us in the place of Miss Webb, who resigned to enter matrimony. Later we sustained the serious loss of the services of Miss Hutchinson from the Latin department, due to the superior financial condition of Beverly. This place was filled by Miss Wood, a resident of Beverly and a graduate of Wheaton College.

In June Mrs. Swenson resigned from her position in the first grade and her place was filled by Miss Elizabeth Coll, although not in the same building, since the first grade was removed to the Town Hall, due to the reorganization.

Another tribute was paid to the quality of Wilmington teachers when Reading selected Miss Wadleigh, Principal of the Center School, to take up important work in the research department in charge of their standard testing program. This position has been filled by transferring Miss Florence Clarke, who had been previously employed to assist Miss Caroline Swain with the eighth grades. This shift of teachers produced other changes, and Miss Anna Finn, another new teacher, was placed with Miss Swain and succeeded in the sixth grade class by Miss Carolyn Currie.

Two other new members came to the force in September. Miss Phyllis Taylor was elected assistant in the seventh grade, succeeding Miss Eva Clarke, who was transferred to the sixth grade, and Miss Marion McIntosh, who succeeded Miss Marks, who resigned from the second-grade room in the Whitefield School.

When it became necessary to open the West School, Mrs. Alden Eames was selected as the teacher. In this school are four grades and at times more than forty pupils.

We who have the responsibility for selection of the teaching staff feel that, as a whole, Wilmington has a very strong body of teachers, when our salary scale is taken into consideration. It is not to be expected that we can hold it intact when good teachers are still at a premium.

Probably our greatest loss this year was through the retirement of Miss Ida L. Shaw, Principal of the Walker School, for an extended period. Miss Henrietta Swain, who was long associated with Miss Shaw in the Walker School, was promoted to the principalship.

High School

In emphasis of the report by the High School Principal, mention is here made of significant developments in this branch of our system.

Under the continued leadership of Mr. Melvin C. Knight, ably assisted by Sub-Master Samuel F. Frolio and a heartily co-operating corps of teachers, this school is in excellent condition. The essential work in the classrooms seems under capable leadership and offers adequate opportunity to all who have the desire to profit from it. As much as is possible the school is endeavoring to foster this desire, which is the very mainspring of success. To this end a moderate number of extra-curriculum activities are fostered in the hope of developing an esprit de corps, which will make it desirable to be a member of the school group.

The Alpha still maintains its function as local as well as school weekly. Some people criticize it, seeming to forget that it is an amateur production by high school pupils rather than the work of trained experts. Being a weekly there is often of necessity a seeming staleness in some news items. It is nevertheless a valuable adjunct of the school English department. Errors appearing in print and spread before a community are less likely to be repeated than are those made in the classroom and corrected by colleagues.

Athletic activities have been broadened by the addition of football and field hockey to the list of organized sports. Games are won occasionally and lost even more occasionally, depending on whether contests are with schools within or without our class. But winning or losing a game does not matter. There is always another game and another season, and, after all, "The play's the thing." If we could get over this "make-the-team" spirit and have everybody playing for the fun of the thing, much would be gained in character as well as body-building.

Ventures in the field of dramatic productions have been reasonably successful. Teachers who have coached these plays should feel that they have been well paid for the hours spent in patient drilling. It is no mean accomplishment to train these young people to forget themselves for even a brief period, and project themselves into personalities foreign to them.

Instrumental music has not been as prominent during the Fall term as it was in the Spring. Graduation took from the school most of the leaders in this branch of music. It will take time to train the younger pupils to work together.

Judging from what material for vocal music we surely have, it

seems as though this branch does not function to the fullest. There is a wealth of excellent chorus material in the school, so that a most excellent choral program could be given with reasonable training. There may even be sufficient solo voices to make an operetta a feasible venture.

The Library Council is working to secure reference books to fill in the many vacant spaces in the recently installed steel shelves in the school library. For a school of this size there should be at least four hundred volumes in the reference library. We fall far short of this number. Contributions from any source are gratefully received.

Facilities for visual education have been improved by the addition of an Acme motion picture projector to our equipment, which already consists of an excellent stereopticon. It has already demonstrated its value in the teaching of science.

At the request of the Principal this plea is made: That parents take a more active interest in the progress of their children in the school. As usual, it is the parents of children who are doing satisfactory work who show interest in the school work being done. The greatest interest is needed from parents of children who are failing for avoidable reasons. Parental interest is a strong stimulus to pupil interest. If a pupil is failing it is not always safe to accept his reason or excuse for the failure. His teacher is a safer source of information as to the reason. The very fact that a pupil is in High School should be, and usually is, evidence that a pupil can do the work well if he wants to. Parents can help make him want to do it. If neither school nor parent can create the desire to do good work, attendance at school is a waste of time for all. The wish to do well is the father of well doing.

Before closing consideration of the High School, mention should be made of the growth of the Commercial Department. This growth has necessitated the employment of a second teacher to assist Mrs. Alexander. Hitherto part-time assistance has met the needs, but this year Miss Crockett has spent all of her time in the High School. This growth of necessity increases the expense of high school maintenance. The upkeep of adequate equipment is no mean item in the annual budget. It appears under a miscellaneous heading in the financial report as a replacement or upkeep expense.

The output of this course as graduates seem able to make use of their training to make a living. And as this seems to be a growing function of schools, this training to make a living, the extra expense is thereby justified. That the training is good is further attested by the awards annually won by pupils in certain speed contests given by typewriter companies.

Health Activities

A more extended treatment of this subject will appear in the report of the School Nurse. Mrs. Holliday has continued her efficient supervision during the year. To her and to Dr. Buzzell may be traced our freedom from serious inroads of epidemics in the past year.

It is hoped that the coming year may see this work supplemented

by the work of a supervisor of Physical Education. The functions of this department have already been mentioned.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1926

General Appropriation		$50,130.00
Vocational Education	$800.00	

General Expenses

School Committee:	
Salaries	$00.00
Other expenses	00.00
Supt. of Schools and Enforcement of the Laws:	
Salaries	1,915.00
Other expenses	397.58

Expenses of Instruction

Supervisors:	
Salaries	$876.00
Salaries—Principals:	
High	2,700.00
Salaries—Teachers:	
High	6,880.00
Elementary	18,557.00
Text Books:	
High	649.73
Elementary	1,091.17
Stationery, Supplies and Miscellaneous:	
High	868.94
Elementary	1,051.70

Expenses of Operating School Plants

Wages of Janitors, etc.:	
High	$1,500.00
Elementary	1,783.00
Fuel:	
High	794.72
Elementary	1,591.44
Miscellaneous and Sundries:	
High	253.71
Elementary	825.46

Maintenance

Repairs, Upkeep, etc.:	
High	$245.14
Elementary	931.13

Auxiliary Agencies

Health	$879.36
Transportation	4,455.32
Miscellaneous	58.77

Outlays

New Equipment:		
High	$484.13	
Elementary	669.48	
Office	90.25	
Total Expenditures		49,546.03
Unexpended Balance		583.97

Recapitulation

General Appropriation	$50,130.00
Expended	49,546.03
Unexpended	$583.97
Special Appropriation for Vocational Education	800.00
Expended	464.73
Unexpended	$335.27

To the Superintendent and School Committee of the Town of Wilmington,

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have the honor to present the following report.

The High School building with an enrollment of 196 students is filled nearly to its capacity. We are offering a very high type of curriculum and requiring high standards along scholastic lines. The High School gives an indispensable preparation, but no pupil can hope to succeed in academic subjects unless he spends at least ten hours a week in home study in addition to the time spent in school.

I wish to make three requests:

1. A plea to the parents.

   The writer makes a special request for parents to get in closer touch with the High School than seems to be the custom.

2. More books for the Library.

   Quoting from the bulletin issued by the Department of Education on Library Lists, "A good Library is an essential feature of every well-equipped High School. The newer methods of teaching, such as project and directed learning make the High School Library a vital part of the school work in English, in History and the Social studies, and in Science, and if it is to be most efficient, must make large use of reference books. Schools of 500 pupils or less should have at least 4 vols. per pupil. The Library of even the smallest high school should have at least one good encyclopedia, an unabridged dictionary, a good gazeteer, or atlas, and copies of the most useful reference books."

Wilmington High School has attempted to comply with these requirements through the efforts of the organization known as the Library Council. The object of this association is "to co-operate with the students, to help them in a literary way, to promote scholastic interests and to increase the efficiency of education and in-

struct them in the use of the Library." Students elect members to this organization whose rank in conduct and effort is at least B, and whose attitude is one of helpfulness both toward fellow students and the faculty. The Council has accomplished much in the past year. Student Librarians have had charge of the Library in school hours. The Council has acted in the capacity designated by its constitution, also by furnishing approximately $100 to equip the library with books and supplies. We now have a steel cabinet, which was purchased by the school committee and erected at the expense of the Class of 1926, who generously donated their class gift to the library. We feel confident that the Council will keep the library up to a high standard if the Town can make it meet the requirements as set forth by the State Department.

3. Domestic Science Training.

The Principal's third request is for the renewal of the Domestic Science classes. The engagements of a Domestic Science teacher for the teaching of the girls in the grades of the High School would be of inestimable value. We have a fully equipped laboratory, and a training in home-making could be introduced at a small cost. No small investment would yield the Town so quick and so great a return as the introduction of Domestic Science.

The extra curricula activities have not been neglected at the high school during the past year. Two plays were presented, one by the Senior Class and one by the Athletic Association. The weekly paper (The Alpha) in two years has increased its size from 114 column inches to 224 column inches. The orchestra and the Glee Club have made a splendid record for themselves, having given two public performances. Football and basketball have been introduced and the teams have been equipped by the student members of the Athletic Association. A start has been made by the girls in field hockey and basketball. The hockey team was equipped by the School Committee. An inter-school track meet was held under the direction of the State Physical Instructor. The number of young people who are participating in competitive games is growing steadily. In addition to these various activities one Assembly a week has been held. These meetings have been varied in their contents. We have secured twenty speakers who have come from outside, and we have also presented one-act plays and musical programs. The pupils have had full charge of many of these assemblies. Our new moving picture machine has opened wide fields for visual education.

The eighth grade is now really a part of the High School. They are allowed to join in the activities of the school, and we try to make them feel that they are really sub-freshmen, so that they will be more at home in the High School in the Freshman year.

I feel that we have been able to accomplish a great deal at the High School during the past year because of the friendly spirit of co-operation that exists among the members of the high school faculty. I also wish to thank the School Committee and Superintendent for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVIN C. KNIGHT.

Mr. Stephen G. Bean,
Supt. of Schools, Wilmington, Mass.

I beg leave to submit my second annual report. We regret that the clinic for the ten-year tuberculosis program had to be omitted this year, owing to the illness of the executive secretary at the time we had arranged to hold the clinic. We hope to have better luck next year, as this work of detecting incipient tuberculosis and watching those children who are designated as suspicious cases or as contacts is very important.

The Schick test was given this year by Dr. Lyman Asa Jones, District Health Officer. The results of the clinic are given in the tabulation at the end of this report. Several years ago, when the Schick test was first given, there were about two hundred children that received the test. This year there were only one hundred and eighty-two, which leaves too large a margin of children who do not submit to the test. It is a great mistake for parents to neglect this opportunity to immunize their children against diphtheria, and the number of cases of this disease in this town yearly could be reduced if all the children took the test. Since eight-one per cent of the children under ten years of age react positively to the Schick test, it would seem advisable to omit the test for children of that age and start right in with the immunizing doses. This has been done in a great many towns.

Parents seem to be realizing more and more the importance of eliminating foci of infection, and more than twenty children were operated on for diseased tonsils and adenoids during the year. It is found more and more often that many pre-school children are being operated on, with a consequent diminution in the number of children in the first grade for whom the school physician's notice to the parents is required. For the two grades that were examined this fall, the figures show that in one there were three children for whom the school physician recommended operation for their tonsils, and in the other there was only one, as compared with last year's figures for the same rooms of eleven and nine respectively.

An entertainment was given in June in which children from all the schools participated. On the program was a health play, "The Quest of the Fountain of Health," songs and recitations. The parents and teachers helped a great deal to make the play a success, and the children were very enthusiastic and faithful in their work. The proceeds, amounting to $50.61, were used to equip the schools with scales.

Two children, both of whom had close association with a tuberculosis case, were sent to the Middlesex Health Camp, where they both gained in weight and were generally benfited by the camp life. This means a great deal for them, as they are underweight and need all help possible to fight against tuberculosis.

Arrangements have been made for hot lunches or rich soup to be served in at least four of the schools, which is a decided gain over last year. These lunches are valuable not only as a source of nourishment but also as a means of teaching table etiquette and neatness, and the value of eating the right kinds of food.

This fall the initial steps were taken toward forming a class for

pupils that need special instruction. We hope that next year this class will be going full swing.

Number of classroom inspections	73
Number of individual examinations by nurse	2,936
Number of times pediculosis was found	101
Number of children weighed or measured	1,258
Number of children 10% under	241
Number of children 15% over	22
Number of individual examinations by school physician	260
Number of pupils having defects	79
Number of notices sent	66
Number of corrections made	31
Number of home calls	62
Number of children receiving Schick test	182
Number of children receiving primary Schick test	156
Number of children reacting positively	65
Number of children reacting negatively	53
Number of children receiving immunizing serum	64
Number of children receiving re-Schick for previous immunization	36
Number of children reacting positively	4
Number of children reacting negatively	28

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE A. HOLLIDAY, R. N.

AGE AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	T	O.A	%	U.A	%
I	6	77	25	4	2											114	6	5.2	6	5.2
II			56	29	15	3										103	0		18	18
III			8	41	29	12	6		1							97	8	8.3	19	20
IV				7	31	25	6	2	1							72	7	10	9	8.5
V				3	13	30	13	14	3	3						81	18	22	20	25
VI					1	8	20	21	6	7	2		1			66	9	13	16	27
VII							15	34	17	11	6		1			83	9	11	17	20
VIII								17	32	20	5	1	1			76	17	22	7	9
IX								1	8	11	18	6	2			46	9	21	8	18
X									2	9	19	4	3			37	11	30	3	8
XI									3	8	9	2				22	20	91	0	0
XII												5	9	0	1	15	5	33	1	6.3
T	6	77	94	86	91	78	60	89	73	70	59	22	17	0	1	812	119	15-	124	15+

Heavily leaded diagonal steps indicate normal age expectation for the different grades.

Numbers outside these limits show:

(a) To the left—children young for the grade, i. e., under age—U. A.

(b) To the right—those too old for the grade, i. e., over age—O. A.

This allows a spread of two years for normal entrance into school.

SCHOOL AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	T
South	9	3	13	11									36
West	10	9	12	8									39
Walker ...	37	45	25	21	39								167
Center						66	83						149
T'wn Hall	58												58
Whitefield		46	47	43	22								167
High Schl..								76	46	37	22	15	196
Total	114	103	97	72	81	66	83	76	46	37	22	15	812

Owing to sickness and attendant non-membership, neither of these tables show the full membership in the Wilmington schools. There are probably nearer 820 pupils in attendance under perfect conditions.

Conclusion

In conclusion of this report let me summarize our needs for next year:

1. A new eight room building for elementary grades.
2. A supervisor of Physical Education.
3. An opportunity class to help pupils catch up with their grades, or fit themselves for future occupational study.
4. An increase in aid to the High School Library.
5. Increased interest in instrumental music in the upper grades.

I appreciate fully all aid and co-operation received from community, committee, and faithful teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN G. BEAN.
Superintendent of Schools.

This article appeared in the January issue of the American School Board Journal

SIZE OF CLASSROOMS

W. C. McGinnis, Superintendent of Schools
Revere, Massachusetts.

How large should a Classroom be? This is a question which has received considerable attention during the last few years. How large a class should a teacher have to teach? This is a question which has been discussed more or less for twenty years.

In regard to the first of these two questions there has been a tendency during very recent years for superintendents to recommend to school committees that the size of classrooms in new buildings be smaller than in the older buildings. The reasons given for the superintendents' recommendations are that small classes do better school work than large classes; that it is customary to fill classes to capacity; and that in order to make it impossible to foist more than 40 pupils on a teacher the maximum seating capacity of a room should be kept at 40. School committees usually agree with the superintendent as to the desirability of small classes and add another consideration which often leads them to favor small sized classrooms. If it has been decided to build an 8, a 12, or a 16 classroom school house the building will cost less if built on a 40 pupil capacity plan than if on a 48 pupil capacity plan.

The great majority of superintendents and teachers believes that more efficient work is done in small classes than in large ones. This belief is practically universal among parents and people in general. Prominent educators in all parts of the country have repeatedly gone on record as favoring small classes on the ground that more efficient results are obtained in the small class. Officials connected with various state departments of education have advocated small classes, and some of them have recommended a smaller classroom unit for the sake of efficiency in results of teaching and economy in school house construction.

The ancients believed the earth was flat. This belief was not based on scientific knowledge but was a universal opinion. Everyone believed it because they had been taught that it was so.

With few exceptions teachers believe that small classes produce more efficient results and they are very positive in their views. I have been told frequently that it is unreasonable to suppose that a great body of opinion should exist among an educated, well trained, and experienced class of workers, such as teachers, unless it were based on fact, and that the opinion regarding the relation of the size of the class to the efficiency of the results is so universal and so nearly unanimous that it should be accepted as a sound educational theory that has proved itself to be correct in practical application through the experience of teachers. Later in this article it will be shown that the theory does not prove true in practice. If it does not hold true when tested in actual practice, then, it is mere opinion.

Probably the conditions under which teachers receive their professional training explains to a considerable extent their preference for small classes and their opinion that classes should be small. In nearly all teacher training institutions the number of pupils available for practice teaching is small and the number of prospective teachers in training is large. Therefore it is necessary to have small classes. Teachers receive their practice teaching with small groups. The normal schools have made a virtue of necessity and emphasize their belief in the desirability of the small class.

Size of classes vary greatly in the cities of the United States although educational authorities have accepted 30 pupils as the largest number that should be in a class. In 1920 the U. S. Bureau of Education reported (Benner, H. H. Bulletin 1920, No. 24) for 1932 cities with populations of over 2500. This report shows the largest number of pupils per class to be "over sixty" and the smallest fourteen. The 1922 report of a committee of the National Education Association reported on 726 cities having populations of 25,000 or more and found conditions about the same as reported by the Bureau of Education. The size of classes varies greatly within a single city and also within a single school. In Los Angeles the elementary school classes range from 15 to 54 pupils. In Revere, Mass. (1923) the size of classes ranges from 28 to 48.

Enough studies of class size and efficiency have been conducted so that the data available is reliable. The evidence is strongly against the theory that small classes do better work. On the whole the conclusions are that the size of the class up to 45 or 48 pupils has no relation to the quality of the work.

Rice (1896) tested 6,000 pupils in arithmetic and 8,000 in language. He found that "there is no relationship between the size of the class and the results." Elliot (1914) tested 40 classes in Arithmetic, English composition, spelling, and penmanship. His experiment showed that the smaller classes did not do work superior to that of the large classes. Elliot says "The results show no correlation between class size and attainment." Harlan (1915) tested 675 classes using the Courtis arithmetic tests. He found that large classes (36 to 45 pupils) made the best record.

Bachman (1915) made a study of the annual promotions and found that the percentage of pupils promoted is practically the same for classes of all sizes up to 60. Ayres (1914) found the same thing true in his study and states that "there is no relationship of significance between size of classes and the number of promotions."

Breed and McCarthy (1916) carried on an experiment in spelling with 82 classes. They used uniform methods of daily drill and testing. Their large classes had an average enrolment of 45 and the small classes an average enrolment of 27. The large classes showed greater achievement than the smaller ones.

Stevenson (1913) compared the achievement of pupils in large classes with that of pupils in small classes. In this experiment large classes ranged in size from 42 to 54 and small classes from 33 to 45. He found no significant differences in achievement between small classes and large classes.

In 1920 the writer made a study of the promotion rate of all classes, grades one to eight inclusive, in Bellows Falls, Vermont, for a period of five years from September 1914 to June 1919. The rate of promotions did not vary according to size of classes. The size of classes of an individual teacher varied from year to year. A fourth grade teacher, for instance, had a small class one year and a large class the next. There was no significant difference in the percentages of pupils promoted in the small and large classes by the same teacher.

The promotions of elementary and junior high school pupils in Revere in June 1922 showed no significant difference between the rate of promotion in small and large classes. The size of classes ranged from 20 to 50 pupils and the total number of pupils involved was 6709.

In the fall of 1916 the writer tested 600 elementary pupils in arithmetic using the Courtis standard tests. Class size had no evident effect on achievement. The same pupils were tested again in the spring of 1917 under the same conditions and with the Courtis tests again. The rate of improvement in ability in arithmetic was not conditioned by size of classes. In 1922 20 fifth grade classes in Revere were tested in arithmetic, the Courtis tests being used. The classes ranged from 28 to 40 pupils. Large classes showed as good results as small ones. The size of the classes showed no effect on the quality of the work.

The results of other experiments could be given tending to show that small classes do not promote efficiency in educational results. In spite of evidence to the contrary the popular notion persists that educational efficiency demands small classes and it persists to such an extent that school committees are reducing the size of the standard classroom.

It is a self evident fact that as the size of the class decreases the per pupil cost of instruction increases. It is an administrative impossibility to seat the majority of classrooms to their maximum capacity. If the room capacity is 48 pupils the average room membership for the school year is approximately 44, and if the capacity is 40 the average membership is approximately 35 pupils.

Consider the following case of two classes in the same system, one of 35 pupils and the other of 44. The teachers' salaries are $1500. The per pupil cost in the smaller class is $42.86 in the teaching item. In the larger class it is $34.36. Here the difference in cost of teaching per pupil is $8.49 a year. In a city having 10,000 elementary pupils the adoption of a program of 40 seats to a room instead of 48 would make a difference of approximately $64,900 a year in the item of teachers' salaries alone.

A reduction in the size of classes automatically increases the number of teachers required. Teachers' salaries constitute from 65 to 75 percent of the total of current school expenditures. In Revere for the year ending June 30, 1923 teachers' salaries amounted to 75.4 percent of the total.

With the tremendous increase in the total cost of schools it becomes the duty of every superintendent and school board member to consider carefully whether the increased expense involved in the adoption of a smaller class policy is justifiable. The evidence (and it is reliable evidence) proves that it is not justifiable.

The fact that the cost of a single school house is less on a 40 pupil classroom basis than on a 45 basis is not a good argument. A twelve room school building on a 45 pupil basis has a maximum capacity of 576 pupils. A fourteen room school house on a 40 pupil basis has a maximum capacity of only 560. The twelve room building will take care of more pupils than the fourteen room building, and the salaries of two teachers (about $3000) will be saved annually.

The fact that the weight of opinion favors the idea of small classes is likely to be given undue consideration and to have too much importance attached to it. The fact that an idea is well established by wide acceptance and long usage is not a valid argument in favor of it when subjected to scientific treatment. The ancient belief in the flatness of the earth, the generally accepted theory that yellow fever was spread by contact, and the almost universal belief that the law of gravity made it impossible for man ever to perfect a flying machine are a few of the many majority opinions that have had to give way in the face of facts and investigation.

Up to the present time teachers and school administrators have been concerned largely with problems of perfecting the educational processes and of extending educational opportunities. If a thing has been justifiable from an educational point of view then its cost has been justified and has been considered an investment. The time has come when one other factor must receive consideration and that is the ability of the city to pay.

Because of the large percentage of the total cost of public education that goes into the item of teachers' salaries it is evident that no other single reform will result in such immediate and substantial financial saving as the adoption of the policy of large classes. In the long run the lessened per classroom cost of construction of small classrooms in a school house building program will be a very small item when compared with the greater per pupil cost of instruction for the per pupil cost of instruction is an annual cost that continues for as many years as the schoolhouse is used.

Leonard P. Ayers, one of the greatest American educators, offers the following suggestions:

"The time is rapidly approaching when the expense of supporting public education is going to eat up the income of our municipalities so that they will be unable to finance their other activities. The truth is that in fact we have determined to give all people access to free public education until they become adults, but we have not thought of any way to pay for it. More research should be done in the planning of buildings and in their intensified use."

" School committees and school administrators are demanding that the school department be made financially independent of the city government, and in many parts of the United States the school department has been given financial independence. The future welfare of public education in America makes it necessary that everyone connected with the public school system shall do his part to see that the public is given a hundred cents worth of efficiency for every dollar of the school budget.

Article----To hear and act on the report of the special schoolhouse committee appointed in accordance with a vote of the town passed at the special meeting of August 12, 1925.

Article----To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for carrying out the recommendations of the special schoolhouse committee; to determine which of the locations shall be used for the new school building; to raise by borrowing or otherwise money to acquire said location by purchase or otherwise and for the construction and original equipment and furnishing of a school building thereon; or to take any action relative thereto.

Voted: that, for the purpose of acquiring by purchase or otherwise a part of the Clak Estate consisting of two acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows:--(description) and for the construction and original equipment and furnishing of a school building thereon, there be raised and appropriated the sum of $74,000.00, $5,000 of which is to be raised in the levy of the current year, and the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of $72,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with Section 19 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note or at such earlier dates as the treasurer and selectmen may determine. It is also voted that the special schoolhouse committee be and hereby is continued as a special building committee, with full authority to construct and equip the building in accordance with the recommendations made at this meeting, any vacancy occurring in said committee to be filled by appointment by the moderator.

July 12, 1926.

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT AND TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report as Moth Superintendent and Tree Warden for the past year:

A number of maple trees have been planted in several locations for highway shade and previous plants have received such care as was needed.

Some trimming of shade trees along the public ways has been done, and others which were becoming a menace from old age and decay have been removed.

The usual spraying for the suppression of the Gypsy Moth was done in the spring, and the work of creosoting the egg masses is being carried on at this time.

Such property where the owners have not done this work will be cleaned up by this department and charged for as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER A. McGRANE,

Moth Supt. and Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE SARAH T. J. CARTER LECTURE COMMITTEE FOR 1926

The Carter Lecture Committee, at the beginning of the winter, contracted for a course of three lectures to be given in Wilmington during the season as follows:

December 29, 1926, Rev. Austin T. Kempton, a stereopticon lecture on the Holy Land.

January 24, 1927, Mr. Ralph Robinson, an illustrated lecture on the Far North.

February 26, 1927, Mr. Harry White, an inspirational scientific lecture with demonstrations.

The first of these lectures has been delivered before the writing of this report and was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all who heard it. Dr. Kempton is an unusually fine speaker and presented his subject in a most acceptable way.

The two remaining lectures are expected to be decidedly worth while. Mr. Robinson accompanied Capt. McMillan in his arctic exploration and is considered a very good lecturer. Mr. White presents many scientific novelties.

The financial statements of the committee is herewith appended.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD F. FRAZEE, *Chairman*,
ARTHUR F. BLAKE, *Treasurer*,
JOHN W. HATHAWAY, *Secretary*,
MILDRED NEILSON,
ARTHUR W. GIROUX.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SARAH D. J. CARTER LECTURE COMMITTEE

Receipts

Jan. 1, 1926	Balance	$196.48
Dec. 29	From F. L. Eames, Treas. Income	240.00
		$436.48

Expenditures

June 10, 1926	Grange Hall Corp., rent	20.00
Jan. 1, 1927	Balance on hand	$416.48

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah D. J. Carter Lecture Committee,
ARTHUR F. BLAKE, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash in Treasury	$33,743.03
Cash received account of:	
Income Taxes	14,647.46
National Bank Tax	58.67
Street Railway Tax	512.36
Military Aid	15.00
Corporation Taxes	988.56
State Aid	250.00
Reimbursement for loss of taxes on land used for public institutions	5.78
Soldiers' Exemptions	50.88
Trust Company Tax	135.32
Poor	2,551.18
Schools	2,557.73
Highways	42.00
Highways from State and County	9,312.26
S. D. J. Carter Lecture Fund	240.00
Building Inspection	120.75
Care of Cemetery Lots	700.00
Tax Collector	4.80
Interest on Deposits	476.86
Police	15.80
Fire Department	7.45
Deeds of Release	232.29
Cemetery Lots	896.00
Library	99.96
Court Fines	324.00
Moths	47.40
Sealer's Fees	42.02
Trust Funds	215.58
Licenses	640.00
Health	3.00
Loans Anticipation of Revenue	124,000.00
Taxes of 1925	53,798.60
Interest on Taxes of 1925	2,439.04
Taxes of 1926	65 833.42
Interest on Taxes of 1926	69.19
	$315,076.39

Payments

Cash paid account of:	
Selectmen's Orders	$133,670.96
State Tax	5,400.00
County Tax	4,380.90

Auditing Municipal Accounts	162.15
Fire Prevention	37.96
Repairs of Highways	794.60
Suppression of Moths	282.29
Trust Company Tax	6.50
High School Bonds	1,750.00
Interest	5,209.25
Care and Maintenance of Tubercular Patients	75.69
Town Notes	125,000.00
Cash in Treasury	38,306.09
	$315,076.39

FRANK L. EAMES,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering in this Town for the year 1926:

Whole number of hogs inspected	204
Whole number condemned	16

All at the Blue Hog Breeding Company.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) ARTHUR W. SPRAGUE,
Inspector of Slaughtering,

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—I wish at this time to submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year of 1926.

Early in the year I received instructions to make a tour of inspection of all cattle, sheep and swine kept within the town limits and also of the premises where the same were kept.

The instructions were carried out and a report rendered as directed.

All cases of suspicious, contagious disease were quarantined and destroyed, and thereafter the premises were properly disinfected before replacements were made.

Approximately 250 head of cattle, 4,000 head of swine and 3 goats were examined. All livestock appeared to be in good condition and the premises well kept up. Any suggestions made for betterment of conditions were kindly received and carried out satisfactorily.

Respectfully,

C. H. PLAYDON, M.D.V.,

Inspector of Animals.

			Amount	Accumulated Interest	Withdrawn	Balance on Deposit
Library Funds:						
Chester W. Clark	Blackstone	No. 9497	$500.00			$500.00
Burnap	Andover	No. 8512	200.00	$105.22		305.22
Benjamin Buck	Andover	No. 18341	500.00	113.61	$37.08	576.53
Charlotte C. Smith	Mechanics	No. 4215	500.00	190.91		690.91
Sabra Carter Common Fund	Andover	No. 18349	200.00	126.18	6.00	320.18
Cemetery Funds:						
Isaac Cazneau	Andover	No. 18985	100.00	58.98	5.25	153.73
Susan Carlton	Andover	No. 18345	75.00	20.37	4.25	91.12
Geo. W. and Minnie A. Sidelinker	Andover	No. 22450	200.00	83.27	15.00	268.27
Sabra Carter (Jaques Lot)	Andover	No. 18347	200.00	93.18	14.25	278.93
William H. Carter	Andover	No. 24631	100.00	26.43	6.25	120.18
Dolly Harnden	Andover	No. 18342	100.00	21.21	6.25	114.96
Thomas P. Eames	Andover	No. 18346	100.00	20.25	4.00	116.25
Sabra Carter	Andover	No. 18348	100.00	49.92	5.25	144.67
Rich Carter	Andover	No. 22451	100.00	18.44	6.25	112.19
James Frazer	Andover	No. 18343	200.00	80.92	12.00	268.92
Martha Temple	Andover	No. 18344	100.00	74.45	6.25	168.20
S. D. J. Carter	Andover	No. 22579	200.00	102.28	5.25	297.03
Charlotte C. Smith	Mechanics	No. 4214	50.00	4.29		54.29
Charles H. Hopkins	Blackstone	No. 4248	200.00	55.94	5.25	250.69
Abner C. Childs	Woburn	No. 33384	100.00	31.20	5.25	125.95
Gilman C. Harnden	Woburn	No. 32614	100.00	16.33	7.00	109.33
Laura Parker	Woburn	No. 32615	50.00	7.06		57.06
Sarah G. Sheldon	Woburn	No. 33814	200.00	53.12	6.25	246.87
Rufus C. Eames	Blackstone	No. 4642	100.00	20.50	4.00	116.50
John Sheldon Sargent	Blackstone	No. 4859	100.00	17.65	4.25	113.40

Isabelle Holt	Blackstone	No. 5169	75.00	10.37	3.00	82.37
Henry Blanchard	Blackstone	No. 5604	50.00	3.50		53.50
Nathan B. Eames	Mechanics	No. 6899	100.00	18.03	3.00	115.03
Thomas Day	Andover	No. 31514	100.00	20.49	6.25	114.24
Lorenzo Meads	Mechanics	No. 7176	100.00	15.49	6.25	109.24
Almira J. Carley	Andover	No. 32237	100.00	15.67	5.25	110.42
George E. Swain	Blackstone	No. 7304	100.00	16.45	5.25	111.20
Josiah Monroe (Care Elbridge Carter and Walter H. Blanchard Lots)	Mechanics	No. 7559	100.00	7.41		107.41
Jacob H. Shedd	Blackstone	No. 7701	100.00	8.57	3.00	105.57
George T. Eames	Blackstone	No. 7746	200.00	31.04	6.25	224.79
Jonathan Eames, 2nd	Andover	No. 35188	100.00	10.55	4.00	106.55
Newman Parker, Jr	Blackstone	No. 8259	100.00	18.88		118.88
Irwin E. Morse	Mechanics	No. 8531	100.00	9.64	4.00	105.64
Sylvester and Lois R. Carter	Mechanics	No. 8990	100.00	7.27	4.00	103.27
Captain George W. McIntosh	Mechanics	No. 9662	200.00	6.80		206.80
			$6,000.00	$1,591.87	$215.58	$7,376.29

S. D. J. Carter Lecture Fund:

Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. 4% Col. Bonds, Nos. 17546, 19667, 3986, 3991, 3992, 3993	$5,541.50
Blackstone Savings Bank Book No. 1879	578.50
	$6,120.00
Bond interest 1926	240.00
Bank interest	111.88
	$6,471.88
Paid Frank L. Eames, Treasurer	240.00
	$6,231.88

C. S. HARRIMAN,
EDWARD N. EAMES,
PHILIP B. BUZZELL,
Trustees.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens:

Your newly elected Board of Commissioners took office in March after the appropriations had been passed and the plans outlined for the year 1926. The work as outlined was carried out by the Board and the expenditures kept within the appropriations.

The Commissioners are working along the line of gradually improving and beautifying the Cemetery. The work will be continued in 1927, gradually developing the new section F, and also making repairs in other sections where they are needed.

Records are being worked on and when completed we hope to have a comprehensive and permanent record of our Cemetery. In this respect lot holders can be of considerable assistance and as the work develops the Commissioners and the Superintendent will call upon the lot holders to assist them in completing the information which should be on file.

The rules of the Cemetery have been drawn up in form by the Commissioners and are printed in conjunction with this report. We would suggest that all citizens familiarize themselves with the rules of the Cemetery.

We are also showing an itemized list of expenditures for the year 1926. The appropriations asked for in 1927 are $100.00 (one hundred dollars) more than 1926, but we anticipate that the sale of lots will more than offset this difference.

1926 Expenditures

Labor	$1,236.88
Tools and Equipment	34.50
Repairs to Tools and Equipment	9.80
Flowers, Trees and Shrubs	32.20
Fertilizer and Seeds	17.65
Loam	3.50
Pumps and Wells	12.36
Gravel	53.40
Grading	552.02
Lot Markers	62.70
Road Oil	154.20
Printing	14.00
Freight, Express and Miscellaneous	6.42
	$2,189.63
Receipts from sales of lots	896.00
Net Cost to Town	$1,293.63

IN MEMORIAM

Charles C. Alden
Died January 19, 1927

With sincere regret we report that one of our Commissioners was called to his eternal rest on January 19, 1927. Mr. Alden was always mindful of his civic duties and gave his time freely to the Town for many years. He was faithful, efficient and painstaking in all matters which were entrusted to his care. His passing at this time is a loss to the citizens of Wilmington, and to our Board especially.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. McMAHON,
WILLIAM T. HENDERSON,

Cemetery Commissioners.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Wildwood Cemetery
Wilmington, Mass.

The adoption and enforcement of the rules here published are necessary to secure peace and good order within the Cemetery; to protect the interests of the lot and grave owners and to preserve the beauty of the grounds. All persons are requested to obey the rules and should report any infraction of them by others, to the Superintendent. These rules and regulations may be amended or altered by the Cemetery Commissioners as circumstances may require.

1. Lots in this Cemetery may be purchased only by citizens of the Town of Wilmington. Exception may be made to a purchaser who has relatives now interred in Wildwood Cemetery and who is desirous of transferring the body or bodies to another lot. All lots must be paid for before any interment will be allowed.

2. No person shall buy and take a conveyance of more than two lots, of eight graves each, and these must be made adjoining each other.

3. The proprietors of lots or graves in Wildwood Cemetery, or their legal representatives, shall not grant, sell, or convey any right of burial to any person or persons without having first obtained the approval of the Board; but it shall be optional with the Board to grant or withhold such approval.

4. Each lot in Wildwood Cemetery shall be marked by suitable markers to be placed by the Board at the expense of the proprietor; the number of the lots to be legibly and permanently marked on the premises. No fence, hedge or other enclosure shall be erected,

and no monument structure or inscriptions shall be placed therein without the approval of the Board.

Wooden enclosures and wooden markers, designating graves, will not be allowed except temporarily and by special permission of the Board.

5. If any monument or effigy, or any structure or inscription be placed upon any lot which shall be deemed by the Board to be offensive or improper, the said Board will have the right and it shall be its duty to enter upon such lot and remove the said offensive object or objects.

6. Lots in the Cemetery shall not be used for any other purpose than a place of burial for the human dead. All burials therein shall be under the personal charge of the Superintendent of the Cemetery, to whom shall be paid such fees for opening or digging a grave as shall be established by the Board.

7. No interment shall be made until the Superintendent shall have been furnished with a permit, such as is required by the Laws of the Commonwealth, together with an order from the owner of the right of burial in the lot in which the interment is to be made, or from the legal representative; nor until the fees provided for shall have been paid.

8. Should proprietors wish to perform any work on their lots, such work must first be approved by the Superintendent of the Cemetery, and all work done in the Cemetery must be done under his supervision. Upon completion of that work, all refuse material must be removed immediately to a place provided for that purpose, and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. No tools can be left in the Cemetery over night.

9. Soliciting business by unauthorized persons in the Cemetery is positively forbidden.

10. Proprietors of lots are forbidden to plant trees or shrubs within the same without the approval of the Superintendent. If any tree or shrub in any lot shall by means of its roots or branches be deemed troublesome by the Board, it shall have the right to trim or wholly remove the same.

11. No tomb shall be constructed or allowed within any lot except with the special permission of the Board; and no proprietor shall suffer the remains of any person to be deposited within the bounds of his lot for hire.

12. All foundations for stones and monuments in the Cemetery shall be constructed by the Superintendent, who will determine the amount of the cost thereof, and no monument may be erected or stone set until the cost of construction has been paid.

13. Any monument or headstone set on a single grave lot must not exceed 3′ in height including the base, and the base must not exceed 24″ in length nor 14″ in width.

14. Lots in Section F will be restricted to one stone, the location of the same to be aligned by the Superintendent.

15. No monument or headstone will be allowed to be set on the day before Memorial Day.

16. No person shall gather any flowers either wild or cultivated

on the premises; no person shall remove, cut, break or mark any tree, shrub or plant; no person shall mark upon, deface or injure any monument, rustic seat, or any structure on the ground.

17. Flowers may be brought into the grounds for decorative purposes, but proprietors are requested not to place them in glass jars. Broken glass is often the cause of serious injury to employees of the Cemetery. Metal containers may be purchased at a small cost from the Superintendent.

18. Flowers or decorations must not be carried from the grounds under any pretence whatever, except by the permission of the Superintendent. Flowers and wreaths left on the graves or lots will be removed as soon as possible after they fade or become unsightly. Commissioners will not be responsible for anything left on lots.

19. All persons passing through the Cemetery must walk in the pathway. Walking upon lots is strictly forbidden.

20. All persons are forbidden to allow any dogs to follow or precede them into the Cemetery.

21. Bodies deposited in the receiving tomb after November 30th may, if in proper condition, remain to the first of May following, but will be interred before the 15th of that month.

Bodies deposited in the receiving tomb between May 1st and November 30th will not be allowed to remain over one week, except by special arrangement with the Superintendent.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to give proper notice of interment to persons having the remains of relatives or friends deposited in the receiving tomb before interring the same.

22. To the owners of lots in Wildwood Cemetery interments may be made subject to the following charges and conditions, viz.:

For opening grave and making a record of interment	$8.00
For children under ten years of age	5.00
If cement or steel vault is used, extra charge	2.00
The use of lowering device and grass	7.00
Re-interment within the Cemetery	16.00
For children under ten years of age	10.00

An extra charge for interment will be made during the winter months at the discretion of the Superintendent.

If a body is placed in the receiving tomb, the same charges with $1.00 (one dollar) additional will be made, but if it is interred in the Cemetery there will be no further charges.

No grave or tomb will be opened for interment by any person not in the employ of the Board.

23. If any person other than a lot owner should wish the use of the receiving tomb they shall be required to make a deposit of $15.00 (fifteen dollars) for the use of the tomb. There will be a charge of $2.00 (two dollars) per month or any part thereof, and if any money remains after deducting the amount charged for the use of the tomb, refund shall be made if the body is not interred in Wildwood Cemetery.

24. The Superintendent must be notified at least twenty-four

hours before burial is to take place and the location of the grave must be designated when notice of interment is given.

25. Removal of bodies requires the consent of the proprietors of the lot and from the next of kin, accompanied by a permit for such removal from the Board of Health.

26. The Board of Commissioners should be notified promptly of the legal representatives appointed after decease of proprietors.

The Superintendent is ordered to strictly enforce the above rules.

Per order,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

PERPETUAL CARE

After a lot has been put in good condition, a deposit of not less than $100 will be accepted, which the Town will invest, and the income of which will be used for the perpetual care of the lot and its immediate surroundings.

We wish to call the attention of lot owners to the advantage of placing their lots under perpetual care. For the sum of one hundred dollars paid to the Town you can have your lot cared for forever. The Town agrees to see that the interest on this money is expended in caring for every lot on which such money has been paid.

Caring for the lot does not mean simply cutting the grass, as reseeding, fertilizing, etc., will be done whenever it is necessary in order to keep the lot in proper shape. Is it not worth the money to know that your lot will be properly cared for when you and all of your family have passed away, and that it will be a beauty spot instead of an eyesore to visitors in our Cemetery?

We have many lots under perpetual care in our Cemetery, but it is the desire of the Commissioners that all lots should be under perpetual care and thus enable them to make the Cemetery an ornament to the Town.

The Cemetery Commissioners or the Superintendent will be very glad to take up this subject with any lot owners.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Account of 1925 Tax

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1926			$54,417.84
Additional			21.09
			$54,438.93
Taxes collected	$53,798.60		
Taxes abated	640.33		$54,438.93
Interest collected		$2,439.04	

Account of 1926 Tax

Commitment	$122,773.20		
Additional	67.55		$122,840.75
Taxes collected	$65,833.42		
Taxes abated	249.07		$66,082.49
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1927			$56,758.26
Interest collected		$69.19	

GEORGE W. BUCK,

Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report as Superintendent of Streets for the year of 1926.

We oiled and tarred some six miles of new road this year, besides oiling and tarring what had been oiled in the past, and recommend that the same be done this year, also some four miles on Wildwood, Federal, Chestnut and Woburn Streets, and Glen Road. These streets were resurfaced this year in part and should be oiled where resurfaced. Our plan is to resurface and oil a certain portion of the Highways each year, and in this way we think that we can have our streets in very good condition within a few years. We widened and straightened curves on Boutwell Street and Glen Road, also put in a new bridge on Glen Road. On Salem and Lowell Streets work has been done to meet State requirements. Macadam work on Salem Street was let out on contract this year, but suggest that this be done by the Highway Department, as we believe we are in a position to do this work satisfactorily.

Our work has been handicapped this year in not having a Road Roller. The work of a Roller is scattered over such an area that it is not economical to hire a roller for this work. We should have a Roller so that we could complete one job before going to another, therefore, we recommend the purchase of a Ten-Ton Gasoline Roller with Scarifier. The Department is greatly in need of a suitable place for the storing and housing of its equipment, and we hope that some provision will be made for a building for this purpose. It is our opinion that the town should own two good trucks for the use of the Highway Department.

Respectfully,

CHARLES V. BLAISDELL,

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report for Building Inspector's Department from January 1, 1926 to April 1, 1926:

Permits issued	6
Fees collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer	$6.00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) EDWARD J. CROTEAU,

Building Inspector.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Citizens of Wilmington:

The Overseers of the Poor herewith submit their annual report.

We have two inmates boarding at the Wakefield Town Farm where they are receiving the best of care.

The Wilmington Town Farm has been let to Mr. S. P. Pike, Jr., for the past year.

The outside poor whom we have been called upon to aid have been on the increase for the past few years.

We also have had a number of hospital cases which were sent to the State Hospital for treatment.

As many of the cases are people who have not gained residence in Wilmington, the overdraft of this Department is offset by having due from the State, cities and towns, $2,258.43.

The overdraft in Military Aid and Mother's Aid is offset by having due from other cities, $648.89.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

CARL S. PETTENGILL,
CHARLES F. PERRY,
WALTER L. HALE,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE WORK DONE BY THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON, FOR THE YEAR 1926

An appropriation of $200 was made at the annual meeting in support of the Middlesex County Extension Service, through the County Board of Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture. The following is an account of the work done by this organization in Wilmington for the year 1926:

In agriculture most of the work done this year has been giving individual service to those who have made requests. Information has been given on testing soils, and recommendations made in regard to the growing of alfalfa and clover. One farmer receives monthly visits from the cow test agent who keeps accurate records on milk production and feed costs.

In homemaking a series of meetings was held for those interested in food selection—this group was made up of home-makers and high school girls. The purpose of the project is to help in the selection and preparation of foods for the family, with special reference to its influence on health.

In the boys' and girls' 4-H club activities work was carried on in food, canning, poultry and garden clubs. One hundred thirty-eight boys and girls were enrolled under the local leadership of nine people. Alice Henxman won third prize in the county-wide room beautiful contest. Dorothy Hathaway and Marjorie Ireland were awarded a two-day trip to the Massachusetts Agricultural College for outstanding club work. An Achievement Club program was put on at which the boys and girls exhibited the results of their season's work and told of the benefits of club work. Club members in this town were in competition with 3,690 boys and girls of Middlesex County.

Several county-wide meetings were conducted, such as the county picnic at the Market Garden Field Station, the annual meeting of the Extension Service at Waltham, and sectional meetings of fruit-growers and poultrymen. These were attended by many Wilmington people.

ERNEST R. CURRIER, *Director.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FOR THE

Financial Year ending December 31, 1926

SHOWING

APPROPRIATIONS, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS,
STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT
AND BALANCE SHEET

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Herewith I hand you my account for the financial year ending December 31, 1926, giving appropriations, receipts, payments, statement of town debt and balance sheet after closing of the books.

The books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Assessors, S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee and Town Clerk's Dog Tax Records have audited and found in order.

The books and vouchers of the Treasurer have been examined and the cash balance as stated in his account, $38,306.09, is correct.

Respectfully,

HARRY R. DEMING,

Town Accountant.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$900.00
Payments		
Salaries	$675.00	
Perambulating town lines	25.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	30.75	
	$730.75	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	169.25	
	$900.00	$900.00

Town Accountant

Appropriation		$650.00
Payments		
Salary	$600.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	34.26	
	$634.26	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	15.74	
	$650.00	$650.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$575.00
Payments		
Salary	$400.00	
Premium on bond	100.00	
Check writer	20.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	50.00	
	$570.00	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	5.00	
	$575.00	$575.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$1,700.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		72.53
Payments		
Salary	$1,500.00	
Premium on bond	113.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	159.53	
	$1,772.53	$1,772.53

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$100.00
Payments		
Postage, printing and stationery	$90.23	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	9.77	
	$100.00	$100.00

Assessors

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salaries	$1,080.00	
Clerical hire	196.00	
Record of property transfers	56.00	
Transportation	23.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	16.75	
	$1,371.75	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	128.25	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Printing Valuation Books

Balance from 1925 account		$639.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		96.00
Payments		
Printing 750 copies Valuation Books	$720.00	
Delivering above	15.00	
	$735.00	$735.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$220.00
Payments		
Salary	$200.00	
Postage, printing and stationery	14.60	
Miscellaneous	3.00	
	$217.60	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	2.40	
	$220.00	$220.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation		$500.00
Payments		
Election:		
Salaries	$252.00	

Labor on booths and seats	$28.63		
Postage, printing and stationery	38.45	$319.08	
Registration:			
Salaries	$125.00		
List of voters	10.00		
Postage, printing and stationery	42.75	177.75	
		$496.83	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account		3.17	
		$500.00	$500.00

Town Hall

Appropriation		$500.00
Payments		
Salary, janitor	$110.00	
Telephone	39.76	
Fuel	7.50	
Light	64.28	
Repairs and supplies	83.60	
Insurance	53.44	
	$358.58	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	141.42	
	$500.00	$500.00

Fire-Proof Office Equipment

Appropriation		$290.00
Payments		
Safe	$245.17	
Freight and carting	12.66	
	$257.83	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	32.17	
	$290.00	$290.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Overdraft, carried to 1927		1,072.57
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$4,297.50	
Auto hire	136.59	
Telephone	108.54	

Premium on bond	$5.00	
Hire of outside lock-up	10.00	
Traffic signs	115.46	
Light—traffic signs	251.13	
Medical services	42.30	
Repairs	1.35	
Ambulance	18.00	
Equipment	43.20	
Veterinarian	7.00	
Uniform	18.00	
Traveling expenses	15.00	
Printing	3.50	
	$5.072.57	$5,072.57
Overdraft to 1927	$1,072.57	

Police Department (1925 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$1,945.36
Overdraft from 1925	$1,945.36	

Constable

Appropriation		$50.00

Payments

Salary	$50.00	

Fire Department

Appropriation		$2,800.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$1,021.06	
Repairs, replacements and supplies	802.27	
Fuel	185.20	
Light	17.74	
Power	125.36	
Telephone	25.04	
Caps	7.40	
Alarm maintenance	60.00	
Gasoline	127.60	
Rent	60.00	
New equipment:		
Chemical tank $175.00		
Test pump 95.00		
Miscellaneous 15.34	285.34	
Accident insurance	34.00	
Miscellaneous	8.05	
	$2,759.06	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	40.94	
	$2,800.00	$2,800.00

Fire Department (1925 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$151.14
Overdraft from 1925	$151.14	

Inspection of Buildings

Appropriation		$500.00
Payments		
Salary, inspector	$400.00	
Telephone	24.24	
Printing	51.25	
	$475.49	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	24.51	
	$500.00	$500.00

Sealing of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$250.00
Payments		
Salary, Sealer	$150.00	
Transportation	35.00	
Dies, seals, etc.	5.10	
	$190.10	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	59.90	
	$250.00	$250.00

Suppression of Moths

Appropriation		$2,100.00
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$1,421.34	
Team and truck hire	340.75	
Repairs and supplies	138.33	
Liability insurance	133.73	
Telephone	41.13	
Postage, printing and stationery	9.08	
Advertising	12.00	
Miscellaneous	2.32	
	$2,098.68	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	1.32	
	$2,100.00	$2,100.00

Moth Spraying Machine

Appropriation		$300.00

Payments		
1 Model C, Arlington XL spraying machine	$295.00	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	5.00	
	$300.00	$300.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$749.63	
Truck hire	62.50	
Repairs and supplies	38.28	
Trees	89.50	
Tools	47.00	
Fertilizer	6.00	
Miscellaneous	3.82	
	$996.73	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	3.27	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Forest Fires

Appropriation		$600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		317.40
Payments		
Wages, fire duty	$917.40	
	$917.40	$917.40

Forest Fires (1925 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$413.95
Overdraft from 1925	$413.95	

Health and Sanitation

Appropriation		$800.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		81.31
Payments		
Salary, inspector of meats and provisions	$76.00	
Salary, inspector of animals	150.00	
Vital statistics, fees for return of births, deaths and marriages	170.25	
Salary, Agent Board of Health	25.00	
Account contagious diseases:		
Hospital care $78.58		

Groceries and provisions	$299.23		
Fuel	17.00	$394.81	
Disposal of garbage		60.00	
Printing		5.25	
		$881.31	$881.31

Health and Sanitation (1925 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$206.50
Overdraft from 1925	$206.50	

Public Health Nurse

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Payments		
Salary, District Nurse	$1,000.00	

HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Account, Repairs and Construction

Appropriation		$21,199.45
Less transferred to Chapter 81	$6,450.00	
Less transferred to Loader Account	500.00	
Less transferred to Boutwell Street	600.00	
Less transferred to Glen Road	650.00	8,200.00
Net amount for Town Account		$12,999.45
Transferred from Reserve Fund		290.14
		$13,289.59
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$3,886.81	
Team and truck hire	2,447.52	
Removing snow:		
Wages	$2,886.62	
Team and truck hire	1,069.30	
Repairs and supplies	560.12	4,516.04
Sand and gravel		86.00
Liability insurance		439.56
Rent		108.00
Repairs and supplies		798.73
Coal		11.00
Tarvia		265.39
Signs		17.00
Surveys and plans		115.50
Cinders		498.04
Insurance on stone crusher		100.00
	$13,289.59	$13,289.59

Town and State Account (Chap. 81, G. L.)

Appropriation (from Town Account)		$6,450.00
From State		4,149.95
Transferred from Reserve Fund		149.93
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$2,152.05	
Team and truck hire	1,798.13	
Repairs and supplies	318.75	
Coal	99.00	
Sand and gravel	332.75	
Road oil	2,073.92	
Tarvia	3,600.28	
Steam roller hire	375.00	
	$10,749.88	$10,749.88

Salem Street (Construction)

Appropriation		$2,000.00
From State		2,000.00
From County		2,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		332.48
Payments		
Advertising for bids	$29.88	
Paid for construction, per contract	6,301.89	
	$6,331.77	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	.71	
	$6,332.48	$6,332.48

Salem and Lowell Streets (Specific Repairs)

Appropriation		$500.00
From State		493.63
From County		493.63
Payments		
Salaries and wages	$551.05	
Team and truck hire	422.75	
Tarvia	433.74	
Gravel	28.75	
Crushed stone	44.10	
	$1,480.39	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	6.87	
	$1,487.26	$1,487.26

Boutwell Street—Repairs

Appropriation (from Town Account)		$600.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$540.23	
Team and truck hire	58.50	
	$598.73	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	1.27	
	$600.00	$600.00

Glen Road—Repairs

Appropriation (from Town Account)		$650.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$343.73	
Team and truck hire	16.00	
Cement, etc.	34.60	
Gravel	5.00	
Culvert	250.00	
	$649.33	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	.67	
	$650.00	$650.00

Nichols Street—Repairs

Appropriation		$50.00

Payments

Salaries and wages	$30.33	
Team and truck hire	18.00	
Gravel	1.00	
	$49.33	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	.67	
	$50.00	$50.00

Loader

Appropriation (from Town Account)		$500.00
From 1925 Highway Account		500.00

Payments

1 Conant loader, engine, screen, etc	$1,000.00	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Tractor and Snow Plow

Appropriation		$2,650.00

Payments		
1 Model K, Cletrac tractor, plow and cab....	$2,650.00	
	$2,650.00	$2,650.00

Road Scraper

Appropriation		$950.00
Payments		
Road machine and extra front wheel.....	$537.50	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	412.50	
	$950.00	$950.00

Highway 1925 Unpaid Bills

Appropriation		$988.38
Payments		
Water	$71.00	
Gasoline, oil and repairs	95.41	
Crusher repairs	79.00	
Crushed stone	742.97	
	$988.38	$988.38

Summary of Highways for 1926

Total appropriations	$27,349.45
Received (or due) from State	6,643.58
Received from County	2,493.63
From 1925 Highway Account	500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	772.55
Total resources	$37,759.21
Total expenditures	37,336.52
Unexpended balance	$422.69

Electric Street Lights

Appropriation		$8,165.00
Payments		
506 lights, 3 mos. at $15.00 year	$1,897.50	
510 lights, 9 mos. at $15.00 year	5,737.50	
	$7,635.00	
Less credit	1.72	
	$7,633.28	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	531.72	
	$8,165.00	$8,165.00

CHARITIES

Poor

Appropriation		$4,000.00
Overdraft carried to 1927		764.19
Payments		
Board	$1,246.00	
Cash	1,324.00	
Fuel	276.50	
Rent	180.00	
Groceries and provisions	688.87	
Hospital care and board	916.64	
Transportation	39.10	
Medical services	24.75	
Burial	67.00	
Miscellaneous	1.33	
	$4,764.19	$4,764.19
Balance to 1927	764.19	

Poor (1925 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$1,440.21
Overdraft from 1925	$1,440,21	

Mothers' Aid

Appropriation		$500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		540.80
Payments		
Cash	$988.00	
Fuel	51.87	
Medicine	.93	
	$1,040.80	$1,040.80

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid

Appropriation		$350.00
Payments		
Paid as per State returns	$164.00	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	186.00	
	$350.00	$350.00

Military Aid

Appropriation		$500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		174.89

Payments		
Cash	$390.00	
Fuel	25.00	
Groceries and provisions	259.89	
	$674.89	$674.89

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		$500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		677.00
Payments		
Cash	$969.00	
Rent	208.00	
	$1,177.00	$1,177.00

Soldiers' Relief (1925 Overdraft)

Appropriation		$348.24
Overdraft from 1925	$348.24	

EDUCATION

Schools

Appropriation		$50,130.00
Payments		
Superintendent's salary	$1,890.00	
School physician's salary	75.00	
School nurse's salary	770.00	
Truant officer	50.00	
Superintendent's traveling expenses	357.63	
Telephones	73.57	
Principals', supervisors' and teachers' salaries	29,013.00	
Transportation of pupils	4,455.32	
Janitors' salaries	3,283.00	
Fuel	2,382.91	
Light	108.33	
Books and supplies	3,830.60	
Insurance	644.17	
Water	71.20	
Repairs and maintenance	1,239.34	
New equipment	1,187.61	
Miscellaneous	114.35	
	$49,546.03	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	583.97	
	$50,130.00	$50,130.00

Schools (1925 Unpaid Bills)

Appropriation		$1,835.17
Payments		
Telephones	$5.16	
Fuel	83.75	
Transportation of pupils	837.00	
Books and supplies	323.38	
Repairs	75.60	
	$1,324.89	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	510.28	
	$1,835.17	$1,835.17

Vocational Training

Appropriation		$800.00
Payments		
Tuition, Lowell Vocational School	$437.53	
Tuition, Boston Trade School	27.20	
	$464.73	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	335.27	
	$800.00	$800.00

Public Library

Appropriation		$800.00
Received income from Trust Funds		37.08
Payments		
Salary, Librarian	$287.50	
Janitor	15.00	
Books and magazines	350.05	
Repairing books	30.00	
Fuel	33.75	
Light	5.55	
Postage, printing and stationery	9.01	
Insurance	63.21	
Repairs	3.01	
Grading and seeding grounds	40.00	
	$837.08	$837.08

HAROLD DOGERS, REGAN AND NEE PARKS

Appropriation		$75.00
Payments		
Care of parks	$75.00	

AID TO MIDDLESEX COUNTY BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Appropriation		$200.00
Payments		
For demonstration work in agriculture and home economics	$200.00	

UNCLASSIFIED

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Payments		
Printing Town Reports	$533.50	
Delivering Town Reports	30.00	
Certifying town notes	10.00	
Care town clock	45.00	
Care town flag	4.00	
Rent Grange Hall	10.00	
Printing and stationery	176.11	
License plates and badges	4.64	
Painting town clock	50.00	
Repairs town flagstaff	15.04	
Rent safe deposit box	10.00	
Adding machine repairs	8.50	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
	$906.79	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	93.21	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

WATER SUPPLY

Balance from 1925		$378.93
Payments		
Legal services	$175.00	
Advertising	9.38	
	$184.38	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	194.55	
	$378.93	$378.93

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		$400.00

Payments

Music	$115.00	
Printing and postage	3.75	
Flowers	48.75	
Refreshments	168.75	
Flags	9.60	
Transportation	25.00	
Memorial address	25.00	
	$395.85	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	4.15	
	$400.00	$400.00

CEMETERY

Appropriation		$2,200.00
Payments		
Labor	$1,242.88	
Tools and repairs	43.80	
Trees, plants, shrubs, seeds, etc	41.10	
Fertilizer	10.50	
Lot markers	68.62	
Grading	599.42	
Road oil	154.20	
Pump	12.86	
Printing	14.00	
Miscellaneous	2.25	
	$2,189.63	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	10.37	
	$2,200.00	$2,200.00

GRADING SOLDIERS' NEW LOT

Balance from 1925		$100.00
No Payments		
Balance	$100.00	
Balance to 1927		$100.00

TRUST FUNDS

Received perpetual care fund cemetery lot Capt. George W. McIntosh	$200.00
Received from estate of Chester W. Clarke, Library Trust Fund	500.00
Received from Trustees, income S. D. J. Carter Free Lecture Fund	240.00
Received from Trustees, income Common and Cemetery Funds	178.50

Payments		
To S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee, income from Trust Fund	$240.00	
To Trustees, perpetual care fund	200.00	
To Trustees, Library trust fund	500.00	
For mowing Common	6.00	
Account care cemetery lots:		
Isaac Cazneau	5.25	
Susan Carlton	4.25	
George W. and Minnie A. Sidelinker	15.00	
Sabra Carter (Jaques lot)	14.25	
William H. Carter	6.25	
Dolly Harnden	6.25	
Thomas P. Eames	4.00	
Sabra Carter	5.25	
Rich Carter	6.25	
James Frazer	12.00	
Martha Temple	6.25	
S. D. J. Carter	5.25	
Charles H. Hopkins	5.25	
Abner C. Childs	5.25	
Gilman C. Harnden	7.00	
Sarah G. Sheldon	6.25	
Rufus C. Eames	4.00	
John Sheldon Sargent	4.25	
Isabelle Holt	3.00	
Nathan B. Eames	3.00	
Thomas Day	6.25	
Lorenzo Meads	6.25	
Almira J. Carley	5.25	
George E. Swain	5.25	
Jacob H. Shedd	3.00	
George T. Eames	6.25	
Jonathan Eames, 2nd	4.00	
Irwin E. Morse	4.00	
Sylvester and Lois R. Carter	4.00	
	$1,118.50	$1,118.50

INTEREST

Appropriation		$5,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		209.25
Payments		
On temporary loans	$4,405.51	
On highway loan	95.00	
On High School house bonds	708.74	
	$5,209.25	$5,209.25

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

Appropriation	$2,750.00

Payments		
High School House Bonds Nos. 23 and 24....	$1,750.00	
Highway Note No. 32.....	1,000.00	
	$2,750.00	$2,750.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		$3,000.00
Transferred to:		
Tax Collector	$72.53	
Printing Valuation Book	96.00	
Forest fires	317.40	
Health	81.31	
Highways—Town Account	290.14	
Highways—Chap. 81	149.93	
Salem Street	332.48	
Mothers' Aid	540.80	
Military Aid	174.89	
Soldiers' Relief	677.00	
Interest	209.25	
	$2,941.73	
Unexpended balance, carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	58.27	
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

ABATEMENT 1925 TAXES

Balance from 1925		$513.02
Overdraft to 1927		127.31
1925 taxes abated	$640.33	
	$640.33	$640.33
Balance to 1927	$127.31	

ABATEMENT 1926 TAXES

Overlay		$314.83
1926 taxes abated	$249.07	
Balance	65.76	
	$314.83	$314.83
Balance to 1927		$65.76

OVERLAY RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance from 1925		$1,349.23
Balance	$1,349.23	
Balance to 1927		$1,349.23

PROPERTY TAX SALE ACCOUNT

Dr.

Balance from 1925	$3,423.55
Taxes and expenses on property taken by town	677.32
	$4,100.87

Cr.

Received from redeemed taxes	$232.29
Balance	3,868.58
	$4,100.87
Balance, Dr. to 1927	$3,868.58

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Dr.

Appropriations (for town purposes)	$135,383.40
Balance carried to Excess and Deficiency Account	89.50
	$135,472.90

Cr.

Committed to Collector	$110,612.52
Estimated Receipts	24,770.88
	$135,383.40
Special Forestry Tax	.86
Additional taxes 1925	21.09
Additional taxes 1926	67.55
	$135,472.90

REVENUE ACCOUNT 1925

Dr.

Balance from 1925	$331.02	
Transferred from Excess and Deficiency Account		$331.02

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Dr.

Estimated amounts:	
Income tax	$9,786.96
Corporation tax	732.78
Bank tax	8.39
Licenses	582.00
Fines	376.00
Moth work, private	743.50
Health	20.00
Charities	1,747.24
Soldiers' benefits	410.08

Schools		$6,841.31
Library		76.83
Cemetery		453.00
Interest on deposits		445.25
Interest on taxes		1,892.40
Building inspection		119.00
Sealer weights and measures		37.83
Street railway tax		467.61
Unclassified		25.00
Reimbursement—loss of tax		5.70
		$24,770.88
Paid State—trust company tax 1922		6.50
Balance (excess of actual receipts over estimates) carried to Excess and Deficiency Account		2,935.23
		$27,712.61

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Cr.

Amounts actually received:		
Income tax 1926		$9,786.96
Income tax 1926		4,482.50
Income tax 1923		67.50
Income tax 1924		85.50
Income tax 1925		225.00
		$14,647.46
Corporation tax, bus. 1926	$616.39	
Corporation tax, P. S. 1926	320.20	
Corporation tax, bus. 1924	.02	
Corporation tax, bus. 1925	51.95	988.56
National bank tax		58.67
Trust company tax		135.32
Licenses		644.00
Fines		324.00
Moth Department:		
Private work, charged property owners	$711.40	
From State—highways	42.50	
Telephone tolls	4.90	758.80
Health, printed records		3.00
Charities:		
Outside board	$677.00	
Outside relief	228.00	
Temporary aid—State	1,453.18	
Hospital board and care	123.00	

Burials	$20.00	
Rent Town Farm land	50.00	$2,551.18
Soldiers' benefits:		
State aid	$250.00	
Military aid	15.00	265.00
Soldiers' exemptions—State		50.88
Schools:		
Dog licenses	$712.54	
Rent, High School Hall	10.00	
Tuition, Tewksbury	412.17	
Account Supt.—State	1,160.00	
Vocational training, State	263.02	2,557.73
Library, fines, etc.		99.96
Cemetery, sale of lots		896.00
Interest on deposits		476.86
Interest on taxes		2,508.23
Building inspection:		
Permits	$115.50	
Telephone tolls	5.25	120.75
Sealing of weights and measures, fees		42.02
Street railway tax		512.36
Reimbursement—loss of tax		5.78
Tax Collector, return bond premium		4.80
Police, account liquor raids		15.80
Fire Dept., return accident insurance premium		3.45
Highways:		
Barrels sold	$28.00	
Crushed stone sold	14.00	42.00
		$27,712.61

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY ACCOUNT

Cr.

Balance from 1925		$11,989.83
Unexpended balances:		
Selectmen	$169.25	
Town Accountant	15.74	
Treasurer	5.00	
Assessors	128.25	
Finance Committee	9.77	
Town Clerk	2.40	
Election and registration	3.17	
Town Hall	141.42	
Fireproof office equipment	32.17	
Fire Department	40.94	
Building inspection	24.51	

Sealing, weights and measures	$59.90	
Suppression of moths	1.32	
Spraying machine	5.00	
Tree Warden	3.27	
Road scraper	412.50	
Nichols Street—repairs	.67	
Salem Street—construction	.71	
Boutwell Street—repairs	1.27	
Glen Road—repairs	.67	
Salem and Lowell Streets	6.87	
Electric street lights	531.72	
State Aid	186.00	
Schools	583.97	
Schools—1925 bills	510.28	
Vocational training	335.27	
Unclassified	93.21	
Memorial Day	4.15	
Water supply	194.55	
Cemetery	10.37	
Reserve Fund	58.27	$3,572.59
Balance from Revenue Account		89.50
Balance from Estimated Receipts		2,935.23
		$18,587.15
Dr.		
Transferred to Revenue Account 1925		$331.02
Balance		18,256.13
		$18,587.15
Cr. balance to 1927		$18,256.13

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS (Year 1925)

Dr.	
Balance due December 1, 1925	$525.00
Cr.	
Received during 1926	$525.00

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS (Year 1926)

Dr.	
Allotment, account Chap. 81	$4,149.95
Allotment, account Chap. 90, Salem St.	2,000.00
Allotment, account Salem and Lowell Sts.	493.63
	$6,643.58
Cr.	
Received during 1926	$6,293.63
Balance due	349.95
	$6,643.58
Balance to 1927	$349.95

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Dr.

Allotment, account Chap. 90, Salem St.....	$2,000.00
Allotment, account Salem and Lowell Sts.	493.63
	$2,493.63

Cr.

Received during 1926	$2,493.63

RECAPITULATION OF 1926 TAXES

Town appropriations	$135,383.40
State Tax	5,400.00
State Highway Tax	794.60
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Tax.....	282.29
Fire Prevention Tax	37.96
Auditing town accounts	162.15
County Tax	4,380.90
Tuberculosis Tax	75.69
Overlay	314.83
	$146,831.82
Less Estimated Receipts (for details see Estimated Receipts Account)	24,770.88
Amount to be raised by taxation	$122,060.94
Raised as follows:	
Poll taxes, 986 at $2.00.....	$1,972.00
Property Tax, valuation $3,511,297.00 at $34.20 per $1,000.00	120.088.94
	$122,060.94
Moth work charged property owners	711.40
Special Forestry Tax	.86
Committed to Tax Collector	$122,773.20

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT

Temporary Loans

(Anticipation of Taxes)

Outstanding January 1, 1926:		
Note No. 39	$30,000.00	
Note No. 40	25,000.00	
Note No. 42	25,000.00	$80,000.00
Borrowed during 1926:		
Note No. 45	$30,000.00	
Note No. 46	25,000.00	
Note No. 47	20,000.00	

Note No. 48	$25,000.00	
Note No. 49	24,000.00	$124,000.00
		$204,000.00
Paid during 1926:		
Note No. 39	$30,000.00	
Note No. 40	25,000.00	
Note No. 42	25,000.00	
Note No. 47	20,000.00	
Note No. 49	24,000.00	$124,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1926		$80,000.00
(Note—Note No. 41 cancelled.)		

Highway Loans

(Main Street Construction Loan, 1923)

Outstanding January 1, 1926:		
Note No. 32	$1,000.00	
Note No. 33	1,000.00	$2,000.00
Paid during 1926, Note No. 32		1,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1926		$1,000.00

High School House Bonds (Issue of 1914)

Outstanding January 1, 1926	$15,750.00
Paid during 1926	1,750.00
	$14,000.00

Summary

Temporary loans (anticipation of taxes)	$80,000.00
Highway loans (Main St. construction)	1,000.00
High School house bonds	14,000.00
Total Town Indebtedness, December 31, 1926	$95,000.00

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1926

Dr.

Cash in Treasury		$38,306.09
George W. Buck, Collector, 1926 Taxes uncollected		56,758.26
Departmental Overdrafts:		
Police Department	$1,072.57	
Poor	764.19	1,836.76
State of Massachusetts, due account Highways		349.95
Property Tax Sale Account		3,868.58
Abatement 1925 Taxes		127.31
Balancing Account—High School Bonds		14,000.00
Balancing Account—Highway Notes		1,000.00
		$116,246.95

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1926

Cr.

Temporary Loans (anticipation of taxes)	$80,000.00
Highway Loans (Main St. construction)	1,000.00
High School Bonds	14,000.00
Grading Soldiers' New Lot	100.00
Abatement 1926 Taxes	65.76
Overlay Reserve Account	1,349.23
Surplus War Bonus Funds	1,475.83
Excess and Deficiency Account	18,256.13
	$116,246.95

HARRY R. DEMING,

Town Accountant.

TOWN WARRANT

To Walter A. Hill, Constable of the Town of Wilmington:

Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of said Town, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the Town Hall on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at 9:45 a. m. and shall be closed at 8 p. m. for the election of Town Officers.

Article 1. To bring in your votes on one ballot for three Selectmen, who shall also act as Overseers of the Poor and Board of Survey; one Assessor for three years; Town Clerk; Treasurer; Collector of Taxes; Constable; Three Fence Viewers; Two members of the School Committee for three years; Two trustees of the Public Library for three years; One trustee of Trust Funds for three years; One member of the S. D. J. Carter Lecture Committee for five years; Tree Warden; Moderator.

You are also hereby further required and directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, who are qualified to vote on elections and Town affairs, therein to assemble subsequently, and meet in Town Meeting at the Grange Hall, Wildwood Street, in said Town of Wilmington, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1927, at eight (8) o'clock p. m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 2. To choose all other Town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To hear the reports of Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following items:

General Government	Cemetery
Protection of Life and Property	Town Indebtedness
Health and Sanitation	Street Lights
Highways	Unclassified
Charities and Aid	Finance Committee
Soldiers' Benefits	Reserve Fund
Interest	Education
Public Library	

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue of the present financial year.

Article 6. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day, and to determine how the same will be expended.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand ($1,000) dollars for Public Health Work, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred ($200) dollars or some other amount, and elect a Director, the money to be expended by and the director to serve in co-operation with the Middlesex County Trustees for county aid to Agriculture in the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45, Chapter 128, of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-five ($165) dollars for the upkeep of Regan Park, Rogers Park and Thomas Nee Park, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract to retain the service of the ten (10) Novalux street lights now on trial, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract for one (1) Novalux street light at the junction of Main and Lowell Streets, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract for one (1) electric light on Washington Avenue, about 150 feet from Clark Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to contract for one (1) electric light to be installed on High Street at Regan Park, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to contract for one (1) electric light to be installed on Clark Street, between Church Street and Middlesex Avenue or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract for electric lights to be installed on Park Street from the last light now located on said street easterly to the North Reading Town Line, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to contract for two (2) electric lights to be installed on Parker Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen hundred thirty-six dollars and seventy-six cents ($1,836.76) for departmental overdrafts for the year 1926 or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlaw Reserve Account to Abatement of 1925 Taxes Account the sum of one hundred twenty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents ($127.31) or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to study the requirements of suitable quarters for the Fire Department and to bring in plans and specifications for the erection of a new building for the Fire Department, and also to bring in recommendations for the location of such a building, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 276 of the Acts of 1926 authorizing the Town to supply itself and its inhabitants with water, and to sell water to the Commonwealth and to Towns of Reading, North Reading and Tewksbury and to the City of Woburn, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 21. To elect by ballot, three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years, and one until the expiration of one year, and thereafter to elect one member each year for three years to constitute a Board of Water Commissioners in accordance with Section No. 8, Chapter No. 276, Acts of 1926.

Article 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to negotiate for the purchase of at least seventy-five (75) acres of land for the safeguarding of the water shed, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of the members of the Board of Selectmen from one to three years, as provided for in Section 7, Chapter 41, of the General Laws of Massachusetts and at the next Annual Town Election to elect one member for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter to elect one member each year for three years, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for carrying out the recommendation of the special committee on school accommodations; to raise by borrowing or otherwise money to acquire said location by purchase, or otherwise, and for the construction and original equipment and furnishing of a school building thereon; or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of a Road Roller, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Article 26. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of two (2) motor trucks for the Highway Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will appoint a committee including one or more of the Board of Selectmen to look into the matter of furnishing a suitable building for the highway department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will accept so called Floradale Avenue, as laid out by Board of Survey, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred ($300) dollars for a fire well in that section known as Wilmington Gardens, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Treasurer, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 70, 71 and 72 of Chapter 41, of the General Laws. Creating a Planning Board of three members to be elected at the next annual Town Meeting, one to serve for three years, one for two years and one for

one year, and thereafter annually elect one for the term of three years, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will act on the report of the Committee to remodel the Town Hall and Public Library, and appoint Mr. Edward N. Eames, Mr. A. Chandler Manning, and Mr. C. S. Harrimen, a building committee to make further investigation or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) for the use of the Committee to remodel the Town Hall and Public Library, to defray incidental expenses that may arise in further investigations, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will indemnify the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against any and all claims for land, grade and drainage damages which may be caused by or result from the laying out, alteration, construction or reconstruction of the State Highway known as Main Street in Wilmington, or any section or relocation thereof, and will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign an indemnity agreement therefor in behalf of the Town, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of said Town this fourteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

Seal

CHARLES F. PERRY,
CARL S. PETTENGILL,
WALTER L. HALE,

Selectmen of Wilmington.

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